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Park Entrance being given by the said Boston and Roxbury Mill Corporation, the City Solicitor be authorized to allow judgment to be entered in the suit of the Boston and Roxbury Mill Corporation relating to betterments, for the sum of Thirteen thousand and ninety-one dollars without costs or interest and in the suit of the Boston and Roxbury Mill Corporation, for land taken for the Back Bay Park or Improvement, for the sum of twenty-one thousand three hundred and ninety two and $\frac{20}{100}$ dollars, without costs, or interest.

It was also Voted as follows - namely:

In the opinion of the members of this Board public convenience and necessity require that the two proposed forty foot streets referred to in said proposition be widened to fifty feet and laid out at said width, and that said widening of said streets severally to fifty feet will add to the benefit of the Back Bay Park and the adjoining entrance thereto by continuing said Entrance of an uniform width from the Park to Charles River, and that the price required to be paid for the two several strips of ten feet to widen said streets: namely, two dollars per square foot, amounting to seven thousand eight hundred and fifteen dollars and thirty cents ($7815.30) is a reasonable price for said land for said purpose, and that the Street Commissioners be by this Board requested to avail themselves of the favorable proposition of the Boston & Roxbury Mill Corporation and to lay out said streets to a width of fifty feet accordingly.

Voted, that the rent of the Park Refectory Franklin Park be reduced to $30. per month from Sept. 1. 1886 and that Joseph S. Hendrie be permitted to occupy the same for the following year at the aforesaid rent but otherwise under the terms of the proposal and agreement entered into by him with this Board under date of May 13. 1885. (See Records Vol. 2 - page 175)

Geo. F. Clarke.
Sec'y.

Boston December 9. 1886.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A. M. Present messrs Dean and Maguire all having been duly notified.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved, also read reports of the Sergeant of Police for weeks ending Oct. 24. 31. Nov. 7. 14. 21. 28 and December 5. The following orders of the City Council were read and placed on file.

"City of Boston, In Board of Aldermen Sept. 27. 1886
"Ordered: That the Board of Park Commissioners be
"authorized to sell at public auction all old material
"in their possession, not required for the use of the
"department, the proceeds thereof to be appropriated to
"the expenses incident to the care and management of
"the public parks: and the City Auditor is hereby au-
"thorized to allow payment from the said proceeds for
"such expenses, upon the requisition of said Board
"Passed. yeas 12. Sent down for concurrence. October 21 came
"up concured. yeas 55. nays none. Approved by the Mayor
"Oct. 23. 1886. A true copy. Attest. Aug. N. Sampson City Clerk.

"City of Boston, In Board of Aldermen Oct. 18. 1886"
"Ordered: That the Board of Park Commissioners be
"requested to set apart a portion of the Marine Park, South
"Boston, as a play ground for the youth of that section
"of our city. Passed. Sent down for concurrence. October
"21 came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor Oct.
"23. 1886. A true copy. Attest. Aug. N. Sampson City Clerk.

"City of Boston, In Common Council Nov. 11. 1886.
"Ordered: That all claims for reduction or abatement
"of assessments on account of the locating and laying out
"of the public parks, be refered to the joint Standing Com-
"mittee on Claims, who shall consult the City Solicitor, and
"report such settlements as they consider just and equitable.
"Passed. Came up for Concurrence. Concured Nov. 15. Approved
"by the Mayor Nov. 16. 1886. A true copy Attest Aug. N. Sampson City C

The following communications were received.

"Office of City Engineer
"City Hall Boston November 5. 1886

"Boston Nov 10. 1886. To the Park Comm.rs of the City of Boston, Gent. This Department respectfully requests your permission for the right to construct a sewer through Spencer & Jersey Streets as shown in red on accompanying plan. Yours Truly T. F. Young Supt. Pro F. C."

"Hon. Benj Dean, Chairman Board of Park Commissioners.
"Dear Sir. The following is a measurement of
"stones which were taken from the old sea wall and are
"now stored at the Charles River Embankment.
" Regular shaped Stones 476 cub. yds.
" Irregular " " 74 " " Total 550
"The above is as nearly correct as it is practicable to meas-
"ure the stones as they are piled. Yr. Respy.
William Jackson City Engineer."
"Boston Decs. 8. 1886. To the Board of Park Commissioners,
"Dear Sirs: I would like to buy the stone on the Charles
"River Embankment, which I understand you have the
"power to dispose of. I will pay Seventeen hundred
"dollars ($1,700.) for it. Yours Truly. D. H. Cram. by E. A. C."
" Office Board of Street Commissioners Boston Nov 15. 1886
"To the Honorable Board of Park Commissioners. Gentlemen,
" The Board of Street Commissioners acknowledge receipt
"of your communication of the seventh instant covering
"copy of vote concerning extention of Spencer and Jersey
"Streets. As it is not within the province of the
"Street Commissioners to contract, or negotiate under agree-
"ments, on behalf of the City of Boston, they respectfully
"return herewith the paper mentioned and suggest that
"the matter be submitted to the City Council: and that
"the City Council should, at the same time, be asked, in
"case it shall decide to direct the Street Commissioners
"to extend these streets at the width you desire to
"provide the necessary means therefor.
Very respectfully Isaac H. Wright Chs."

It was thereupon,

Voted: that the Secretary make arrangements to sell the stone on the Charles River Embankment at public Auction.

Voted: that whereas a request therefor has been presented to this department by the sewer department of the City of Boston, and whereas the public convenience will be secured thereby, therefor the Sewer Department is hereby authorized to con-

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struct a sewer in the Boylston Entrance of the Back Bay Improvement, within the jurisdiction of this Department, in continuation of the sewer in Ipswich Street, according to a plan prepared by the Sewer department approved by the City Engineer, and this day placed on file in this office; provided that inlets are made for catch basins where required, and that all the work shall be done in a manner satisfactory to the City Engineer.

The Secretary was directed to see the Treasurer of the Boston & Roxbury Mill Corporation in regard to the proposed settlement of its claims, and report what conclusion it had arrived at.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston December 14. 1886

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present Messrs. Dean & Andrew, all having been duly notified.

The report of the Sergeant of Police, for the week ending December 12 was read.

Mr. Bailey, City Solicitor, came before the Board in regard to the demand of Susan T. Young for judgment upon her claim for land damages under an agreement with this Board, the amount of said judgment to be deposited in a trust company until an adjustment was made of the several claims thereto, and in lieu thereof recommended that he be authorized to make an agreement to allow interest at the rate of 2½ % per annum. It was thereupon,

Voted: that whereas a settlement was made with Susan T. Young, under date of February 10. 1886, to allow judgment to be entered in her suit against the City for land taken for Franklin Park for the sum of $70.000, and whereas the City Solicitor is

desirous of withholding said judgment and execution thereof until the suit now pending in the Supreme Court to determine the title of all parties interested in said estate has been settled by judgment or otherwise; therefore, the City Solicitor be authorized to agree with the parties in interest, and allow interest to be added to said sum of $70.000 at 2½ ℔c per annum from the time of said agreement until the final settlement of said controversies and the payment of said sum.

The Secretary reported that Mr. Matchett of the Boston & Roxbury Mill Corporation had said to him that a committee of the Corporation still had the matter of settlement under advisement, and that he was therefore unable to state definitely any probable conclusion of the matter.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, December 16. 1886

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present Messrs Dean & Andrew all having been duly notified.

Mr. E. W. Curtis appeared before the Board in reference to the proposed purchase of land from the estate of Nelson Curtis for the Muddy River Improvement.

The following communication was received

"Boston December 14. 1886.

"George F. Clarke Esq. Secy. of the Board of Park Commissioners "of the City of Boston. Dear Sir. Your letter of the "29th ult. with copy of Ordinances for the Arboretum Park, "has been considered by the Corporation of Harvard College.

" The Corporation is willing to adopt these ordinances "as the rules for the Arboretum, provided the Board of "Park Commissioners will add the words following:

These rules shall not apply to persons employed

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'by Harvard College so as to interfere with the proper 'performance of their duties at the Arboretum'.

"It is the opinion of the corporation that the new rules "should be formally adopted by an instrument to be "executed by the Board of Park Commissioners and by the "College, so that it may appear by the records in the "Suffolk Registry that the rules which were originally agreed "to, and there recorded, have been modified.

"If the Board of Park Commissioners will cause "such an instrument to be prepared, the President of the "College will execute it on behalf of the Corporation.

Your very respectfully.
C. W. Hooper. Treas. Harvard College."

And it was,

Voted, that the Chairman be authorized to execute on the part of this Board such an instrument as is desired by the Corporation of Harvard College to formaly adopt the rules, established for the government of the public parks, for the use and government also of the Arnold Arboretum, provided also in said instrument that said rules shall not apply to persons employed by Harvard College so as to interfere with the proper performance of their duties at the Arboretum. Said instrument when finally executed, to be placed on record at the Suffolk Registry of Deeds.

Geo. F. Clarke.
Sec'y.

Boston December 29. 1886.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11. A.M. Present messrs Dean, Maguire, & Andrew, all having been duly notified.

The records of the last three meetings were read and approved, also read reports of the Sergeant of Police of Dec. 15, 20, & 27.

Executive circular No. 12 relating to contract work and civil service circular, Dated Dec. 10. 1886, relating to appointments for temporary service were read and placed on file.

Prof. Charles S. Sargent and Dr. H. P. Walcott, President of the Mass. Horticultural Society, appeared before the Board and presented plans for a building for horticultural purposes, and Officers for the Park Board which is proposed by the Society to be erected on the Public Garden if the requisite authority can be obtained from the City Government.

Mr Moorfield Story appeared in reference to the matter of a Settlement of controversies with the Boston and Roxbury Mill Corporation, He stated that the Corporation repudiated the settlement arrived at by Mr. P. W. Chandler and the Board, and proposed new terms which compared with the terms previously agreed upon were considered excessive and impracticable: and Mr. Story was told that the Board would hold them to the former agreement.

Mr. Olmsted presented a preliminary plan for laying out the Charles River Embankment with an explanation of its aims and purposes which were discussed, and it was thereupon

Voted. That the preliminary plan for laying out the Charles River Embankment prepared by Mr. Olmsted be adopted, and that he be authorized to give the City Engineer the necessary lines for the deposit of material in accordance

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with said plan, also that Mr. Olmsted be directed to prepare a copy of his plan for publication in the annual report of the Board, together with a statement explanitory of the same.

Voted, that the bill of T. R. Marvin & Son amounting to the sum of ten hundred and seventy three & 72/100 dollars for printing and binding special reports on Franklin Park be approved said reports having been printed under the direction of Mr. F. L. Olmsted by authority of this Board; and that the Chairman sign a request on the Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation of revenue for Park Department.

Voted: that the bill of William B. Orcutt for services in securing evidence in cases before the Superior Court for damages for lands taken for Franklin Park be approved; said bill being dated Dec. 21, 1886, and amounting to one hundred and fifty dollars: and that the Chairman sign a request on the Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Park Department.

Geo. H. Clarke,
Sec'y.

✓ Received.

"City of Boston In Board of Aldermen Dec. 15. 1886.

"Ordered: that in the several suits for abatement of the Franklin "Park betterment assessments, the City Solicitor be and "he hereby is authorized to consent to judgment abating "said assessments to an amount equal to ninety-five "per cent of the amount assessed, but in each case "without costs and without interest.

"Passed. Sent down for concurrence. December 16

"came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor

"December 20. 1886. Attest: John T. Priest.

"A true copy. Asst. City Clerk."

Boston, January 7. 1887.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A M. Present Messrs Dean, Maguire, & Andrew, all having been duly notified. There were also present Mr. Olmsted, City Engineer Jackson and Assistant Engineer Howe.

The following orders were read and placed on file:

"City of Boston. In Board of Aldermen December 27. 1886.

"Ordered. That the City Auditor be authorized to "transfer from the appropriation for Franklin Park, "the sum of twenty-three thousand (23.000) dollars, "said sum to be set aside for the purchase of "additional land for Franklin Park. Passed, Yeas 11. "Nays 1. Sent down for concurrence. December 30, Came "up concured. Yeas 59. nays 3. Approved by the Mayor "Jany. 1. 1887. A true copy. Attest: Aug. N. Sampson, City Clerk

"City of Boston.

"In Board of Aldermen, Dec. 27. 1886.

"Ordered: That the Board of Park Commissioners "be hereby authorized to purchase of William S. and George "F. Bond for park purposes a parcel of land containing "81.000 square feet, more or less, and situated at the "corner of Sigourney and Walnut streets: the expense thus "incurred not to exceed the sum of twenty-three thousand "dollars and to be charged to a special appropriation "for the purchase of additional land for Franklin "Park: on condition that the said purchase shall not "in any way relieve the said William S. and George F. Bond "from their obligation to pay the betterment assessed upon "said land on account of the laying out of Franklin Park. "and also the taxes assessed thereon for the year 1886. "Passed. Sent down for Concurrence. December 30 came up "concurred. Approved by the Mayor. Jan. 1. 1887. A true "Copy Attest. Aug. N. Sampson."

"City of Boston.

"In Board of Aldermen Jany 3. 1887.

"Ordered: That for the purpose of defraying the costs

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"and expenses of constructing the parks established "by the city of Boston, the city treasurer is hereby author- "ized to issue from time to time, to the amount of $500.000. "each year, and to a total amount not exceeding $2.500.000. "negotiable bonds or certificates of indebtedness, payable in "50 years from their date, and bearing interest at a rate "not exceeding 3 per cent per annum, to be denominated on "the face thereof "Public Park Construction Loan." Passed, all "rules of the Board and all joint rules having been first "suspended. Yeas 9. nays 3. Sent down for concurrence. "Came up concurred, all joint and Common Council rules "being first suspended. Yeas 19. nays 17. Approved by the Mayor "Jan. 4. 1887. A true copy. Attest. John T. Priest Asst. City Clerk.

Voted: that there be purchased of William S. Bond for the purposes of a public park a certain parcel of land on Sigourney Street, West Roxbury containing 77.727 square feet, more or less, and shown on a plan drawn by the City Engineer, dated Jan. 7. 1887. and to be recorded with Suffolk Deeds: and that there be paid to the said William S. Bond the sum of Twenty-one thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars. ($21.750) upon his giving a deed for the same satis- factory to the City Solicitor, containing the limitation for said purposes, and that the Chairman sign a request on the Auditor for a special draft in favor of said pay- ment: said amount to be charged to the appropriation for additional land for Franklin Park.

Voted: that there be purchased of George William Bond Trustee, for the purposes of a public park a certain parcel of land on Sigourney Street, West Roxbury containing 3671 square feet more or less and shown on a plan drawn by the City Engineer dated Jan. 7. 1887. and to be recorded with Suffolk Deeds: and that there be paid to the said George William Bond Trustee the sum of ten hundred and twenty eight dollars, upon his giving a deed for the same satisfactory to the City Solicitor containing the limitation for said purposes

and that the Chairman sign a request on the Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for additional land for Franklin Park.

Voted: That there be purchased of George Wm. Bond for the purposes of a public park a certain parcel of land on Sigourney Street West Roxbury containing 790 square feet more or less and shown on a plan drawn by the City Engineer dated January 7. 1887. and to be recorded with Suffolk Deeds: and that there be paid to the said George Wm. Bond the sum of two hundred and twenty two dollars upon his giving a deed for the same satisfactory to the City Solicitor containing the limitation for said purposes and that the Chairman sign a request on the Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment said amount to be charged to the appropriation for additional land for Franklin Park.

A communication was received from the City Engineer calling attention to the bad condition of the overflow outlet of Stony Brook, the dredging plant at the Back Bay and the gate which controls the supply of water to the Sewall & Day Companies Cordage works all of which require early attention. It was thereupon,

Voted: that the City Engineer be authorized to do the work necessary to put the same in good condition.

On the recommendation of Mr. Olmsted it was

Voted: that a change be made in the plan of the Back Bay Improvement, removing the sidewalk which as the plan now stands passes around the triangular space at the junction of roads between the Boylston Bridge and the bridge over the Boston and Albany Railroad, the space of the sidewalk being occupied by an extension of the plantation.

Voted: that the City Engineer, in consultation with Mr. Olmsted, prepare plans, specifications and estimates for the foundations, abutments and superstructures for Agassiz bridge, the bridge at the Longwood Entrance, Back Bay, and the Wood

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Island bridge, East Boston. said plans to be submitted as soon as possible for the approval of the Board. also estimates, plans and specifications for edgestones and paving blocks for the roads around the lower basin of Back Bay, and other material for said roads.

Voted: that the City Engineer proceed to make experiments for sinking the piles for the proposed iron pier at the Marine Park.

Voted: that the City Engineer begin at once quarrying stone for the roads at the Arnold Arboretum.

Mr. Olmsted was requested to report on the desirability of Bellevue hill for an outlook.

Mr. W. J. Windram appeared before the Board in regard to the bad sanitary condition of Muddy River

Geo. F. Clarke.
Sec'y.

Boston, January 28, 1887.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11 A.M. Present Messrs Dean and Andrew, all having been duly notified. Also present Messrs Jackson & Foote.

The Records of the last two meetings of the Board were read and approved, also read reports of the Sergeant of police for weeks ending Jan. 2. 9. 16. & 23. Executive Circular number 13, dated Jan. 10. 1887, was received and read, and the Secretary directed to comply with the request therein. City Auditors circular letter relating to the annual estimates was also received.

The Chairman reported that previous to signing the request to the Auditor for the payment of the drafts in favor of Wm. S. & George W. Pond and George W. Pond Trustee; voted by the Board at its last meeting; he had obtained the following opinion from the Law Department:

"City of Boston
Law Department
2 Pemberton Sq. Jan. 13. 1887.

" Gentlemen. In answer to your inquiry, I reply
" that in my opinion the Board of Park Commissioners
" is fully authorized by votes of the City Council to purchase
" the land of Pond on Sigourney St, provided it can
" be purchased for the sum of $23.000.

Yours Respectfully,
Andrew J. Bailey
City Solicitor.

" Hon. Park Commissioners.

" P. S. I answer your letter on account of the absence
" of the Corporation Counsel. A. J. Bailey

The following Executive Communication was received.

" City of Boston, Executive Department.
" City Hall. Jan. 26. 1887.

" Sir:. You are hereby requested to enforce the
" provisions of Sec. 10. chap. 17 of the Revised Ordinances.
" Yours truly, Hugh O'Brien. Mayor. pro. T."

The City Engineer dated that specifications for curbstones

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for the roads of the lower basin of the Back Bay Improvement had been prepared and were now in the hands of the City printer. The estimated expense of said curbstones being $18.000 for paving blocks $8.000 and for 6000 cubic yards of Mc. Adam stone for surfacing the roads $15.000, a total for material only of $41.000. It was thereupon

Voted, that the City Engineer be authorized to advertise for proposals for curbstones and paving blocks necessary for completing the lower basin of the Back Bay Improvement, in accordance with the specifications prepared by him, and that 150 copies of each of the specifications be printed.

The Engineer further stated that he would require additional assistance on draughting work, and that a suitable man should be placed in charge of the filling being done at the embankment.

Geo. F. Clarke.
Sec'y.

Boston Jan. 29. 1887.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present Messrs Dean, Maguire and Andrew. The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

The twelfth annual Report of the Board heretofore prepared and considered was read and approved, and the Secretary was directed to cause the same to be printed together with the several maps and illustrations and send the same to the City Council in accordance with the order authorizing departments to submit their reports in print approved Jan. 19. 1887.

While the Board was discussing its report the Chairman stated that in regard to the Charles River Embankment he had called upon the Board of Harbor and Land Commissioners and asked whether the Charles River Embankment was or was not sufficiently completed to comply with the law or whether

it was worth while to have a further extension of time. The Chairman of the Board Mr. Sanford replied that that Board certainly had no reason to find fault, and that we should have no trouble from it whatever.

In regard to the extension of the Embankment up the river the Chairman stated that the Chairman of the Harbor & Land Commissioners said that the State would take no initiative action regarding the use of any part of it by the State but await the action of the city; and will permit no application for the use of this location without apprising the Park Commissioners and the City of it: under these circumstances it was not considered necessary to press the project upon the Legislature at present.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston Feb. 3. 1887.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners for consultation was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present Mess. Dean and Andrew, all having been duly notified. Mr. Pierce was consulted with in regard to the case of the Boston and Roxbury Mill Corporation.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston February 9. 1887

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at the office of Commissioner Andrew at 4. P.M. Present Mess. Dean Maguire and Andrew.

Voted: That all tenants occupying buildings or lands taken for the Charles River Embankment be notified by the Chairman in the usual form to vacate the same before March 16th next.

Voted, that the Chairman be authorized to appoint

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a man to look after the filling being done on the Charles River Embankment.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y

Boston February 11. 1887.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 12 M. to publicly open and read the proposals for granite curbstones received in accordance with the advertisement therefor. Present Messrs Dean, Maguire and Andrew. Mr. Wm. H. Flanigan from the Mayor's office and Assistant Engineer E. H. Howe, were also present with most of those who submitted bids.

The proposals were as follows:

Cape Ann Granite Co.		$1.74 per lineal foot.
John Turner & Co		1.75 " " "
Rockport Granite Co		1.89 " " "
Albert A. Libby & Co.	Curved.	2.25 " " "
	Straight.	1.50 " " "
James J. Vernon Lanesville Mass	Curved.	2.53 " " "
	Straight.	1.65 " " "
Lanesville Granite Co.		2.22 1/3 " " "
Patrick J. McCullough.	Curved.	$ 10. " " "
	Straight.	5. " " "

It was thereupon,

Voted, that the contract for furnishing curbstones for the Back Bay Improvement in accordance with the specifications be awarded to the Cape Ann Granite Company the lowest bidder.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, Feb. 12. 1887.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A. M. Present Mess. Dean & Andrew, all having been duly notified. The records of the last four meetings were read and approved, also read reports of the Sergeant of Police for weeks ending January 30 and February 6.

Executive circular No. 14 concerning the inspection and examination of records and files of Boards and heads of departments was received and read, also the following order. "City of Boston,

"In Common Council Feby. 3. 1887.

"Ordered, That the City Treasurer be authorized "to negotiate the "Public Park Construction Loan," au- "thorized by an order of the City Council approv- "ed January 4. 1887, from time to time in such "manner as he shall deem to be for the best interests "of the City, subject to the approval of His Honor "the Mayor, and to issue therefor negotiable bonds "or certificates of indebtedness at not less than "their par value payable in not less than thirty "years nor more than fifty years, at a rate not "exceeding three and one half per cent. per annum. "So much of said order of the City Council, "approved January 4. 1887 as is inconsistent with "this order, is hereby rescinded.

"Passed, Yeas 65. Nays none. Sent up for concurrence.

"In Board of Aldermen, February 7. Concurred

"Yeas 12. Approved by the Mayor, February 10. 1887.

"A true copy. Attest, John T. Priest, Asst. Clerk."

The following communication of the City Engineer, received some days ago was read.

"Office of City Engineer.

"City Hall, Boston, Feby. 3. 1887.

"Hon. Benj. Dean,

"Chairman Board of Park Commissioners.

"Sir. The Muddy River Covered Channel "during October 1884, was injured by spreading as

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"as described in a report made to your board "dated January 20th 1886. The damaged portion "was then repaired but the movement has continued "so that a section about 600 feet in length is so badly "distorted as to give cause for anxiety. I recommend "that this portion of the work be removed and replaced "with a masonry structure, and that the channel be "cleaned for its entire length. I estimate the "cost of rebuilding 600 feet of the channel to be about "$ 25.000. and the cost of cleaning to be about $1.500

Yours respectfully, William Jackson City Engineer."

And it was

Voted, that the communication of the City Engineer, dated February 3. 1887 in reference to the defective condition of a part of the covered Channel of Muddy River, and the necessity of rebuilding this part and cleaning out the rest, at an estimated expense of $ 26.500, be referred to the City Council to provide an appropriation therefor.

In answer to the request of the City Auditor of January 8. 1887. it was

Voted, that the City Council be requested to provide appropriations for the Public Parks as follows:

For Park Maintenance . . .	$ 20.000
For Park Department (office expenses)	6.500
For Park Nursery . . .	5.000
Total . .	$ 31.500

also that the following explanation thereof be sent to the City Auditor.

This application is based upon the expenditures of last year, and the necessity for additional police. The expenditures for maintenance were as follows.

Franklin Park. Park Police . .	4.115.38	
~~Park Police~~, labor & expenses in care of grounds & buildings . . .	1.954.31	6.069.69
Back Bay. Police, watchmen, labor & expenses in care of grounds . . .		2.593.50

amount brought forward [illegible]

Charles River Embankment.

Labor and expenses in care of grounds & buildings . 1,963.96

Marine Park

Watchmen, labor & expenses in care of grounds & building. 1959.81

Arnold Arboretum.

Watchmen, labor and expenses in care of grounds { 837.78

Park Police . . . 1066.18 1903.96

[illegible] . . . $ [illegible]

Heretofore the police, watchmen and other expenses for maintaining the parks have been chiefly paid by revenue collected from tenants on the Charles River Embankment. It now being necessary to clear these lands to complete the park, this revenue will cease.

Voted, that the Chairman, or the Chairman pro tem in the absence of the Chairman be authorized to approve the bonds of and the contract with the Cape Ann Granite Company.

Voted, that the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to discontinue as public ways the streets now running through Franklin Park.

Voted, that the Chairman confer with the Paving Department in regard to putting the said streets in order pending action by the Street Commissioners.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston February 18. 1887.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present Mess. Dean Maguire & Andrew. Also present Mess. Amsted, Jackson & Horne. The records of the last meeting were read and approved, also read report of the Sergeant of Police for week ending February 13.

Executive Circular No 15 was received, read and placed on file.

The following communication was also received:

"Executive Department. Feb. 7. 1887.

"Sir: You are hereby requested to allow all Employés "in your department, whose services can be dispensed "with, a holiday without loss of pay on Washington's "Birth day Feb. 22. 1887. Yours truly Hugh O'Brien Mayor, "per. H.H.S." and it was

Voted, that the City Engineer allow all employés, whose services can be dispensed with, a holiday without loss of pay on Feb. 22.

The Chairman stated that he had not approved the contract with the Cape Ann Granite Co. owing to the provisions of clauses H & I, which allowed the Engineer to make alterations in the form or character of the work and to require extra work to be done upon his written order. He thought that this should not be delegated by the Board, but should be distinctly retained in its own hands, and upon his suggestion it was.

Voted, that the contract be amended by substituting the word "Commissioners" for "Engineer" in each of said instances.

Geo. H. Clarke,
Sec.

Boston, February, 25. 1887.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 1 30 P. M. Present Mess. Dean Macomber, and Andrew. Also present Mess Olmsted Jackson Howe & Kimball. The record of the last meeting was read and approved, also read report of the Superintendent of Police for week ending Feb. 20th.

Voted, that the City Engineer be authorized to draw off the water from the Back Bay to allow search to be made at the Stony Brook Gate House, for the body of the boy drowned in Stony Brook.

Mr. Olmsted brought up the matter of the contract with Mr. F. L. Temple, and of the proposition made by him in June last to supply certain plants for the parks at certain prices according to a list furnished by him and amounting to $1106.25 accepting payment for them as settlement in full of his contract with the Department, and it was

Voted, that the matter be referred to Mr. Olmsted with instructions to see the plants and authority to arrange a settlement substantially in accordance with said proposition, said plants to be paid for upon his certificate that the agreement has been satisfactorily carried out.

The question of labor was discussed.

Geo. F. Clark
Sec'y

Boston, March 4. 1887.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 a.m.

Present messrs Dean, Maguire, & Andrew.

Also present Mess. Olmsted, Jackson, Cheney & Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved, also read report of the Sergeant of police for week ending February 27.

Voted, that the City Engineer be authorized to advertise for proposals for 190.000 paving blocks required for the Back Bay in the Journal, Post, Herald & Globe, the bids to be opened on Friday March 18 at noon.

The question of laborers pay and hours of work was further discussed and deferred to the next meeting

Geo. H. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston March 11. 1887.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present Mess. Dean, Maguire & Andrew. Also present Mess. Olmsted & Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read & approved, also read the report of the Sergeant of Police for week ending March 6.

Voted, that the City Engineer be authorized to advertise for proposals for 6000 tons broken stone for the Back Bay.

Voted, that the Boston Consolidated Street Railway Company be required to remove its building from the Franklin Park lands.

Voted, that the vote of this Board of May 28. 1885 to allow the Metropolitan Railroad to place a building for station purposes on Franklin Park be rescinded.

Voted, that the Secretary send copies of these votes

to the railroad companies.

Voted, that Patrick Mc. Morrow be permitted to pasture cows upon Franklin Park lands upon the same terms as heretofore, subject to such interuptions as the work of Park Construction may require.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y

Boston, March, 18. 1887.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A. M. Present Mess. Dean, Maguire, & Andrew, also present mess. Olmsted, Jackson & Howe. The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

The following proposals were received for furnishing 190.000 paving blocks for the Back Bay and were opened in the presence of the Mayor's representative and the various bidders. Namely.

Oak Hill Granite Company, Belfast, Me.	42.00 per m.
S. & R. J. Lombard, Boston. . .	43.00 " "
James J Vanore. Lanesville. . .	47.00 " "
Rockport Granite Co. Rockport.	49.20 " "
Lanesville Granite Co.	50.00 " "
Pigeon Hill Granite Co.	55.00 " "

Pending the procuring of a sample of the blocks proposed to be furnished by the Oak Hill Company, and the examination of the same by the Engineer, the awarding of the contract was defered to the next meeting.

The City Engineer reported that he had advertised for proposals for broken stone in accordance with the vote of the Board, and at his suggestion it was

Voted, that the purchasing agent procure prices for furnishing the Department a Stone Crusher

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and plant, two rollers and a watering cart.

Mr. Olmsted presented a sketch of the proposed Agassiz bridge which was approved in its general plan and the Engineer was requested to make the final plans preparatory to letting out the piling, foundations Piers, abutments and brick work by contract.

Voted, that the City Engineer be authorized to continue the work on the overlook at Franklin Park under the same arangement as last year.

The Board considered the subject of pay and hours of labor, having before it various acts of the City Government on the matter, and the City Engineer, and it was

Voted, that the laborers in this Department be paid at the rate of twenty cents per hour for actual working time, and be allowed holidays without loss of pay on all legal holidays and one hour on saturday afternoon, when their services can be dispensed with.

At the request of the City Auditor to close if possible the account of the Marine Park appropriation before the beginning of the new financial year, it was

Voted, that the balance of the appropriation for Marine Park be charged off by Mr. Olmsted's salary in order to balance the account.

Voted, that 1000 additional copies of the twelfth Annual report be printed uniform with the eleventh report and report on Franklin Park.

Geo. F. Clarke.
Sec'y.

Boston, March 25, 1887.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present Mess. Dean, Maguire & Andrew. Also present Mess. Jackson & Hone.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved, also read report of Sergeant of police for weeks ending March 13 & 20th.

The following proposals for 6000 tons of broken stone were received and publicly opened - the Mayor's representative, Mr. Dever, also being present.

Owen Nawn,	size A.	$1.38	per ton.
"	" B.	1.87½	" "
Eagle Nawn	" A.	1.40	" "
"	" B.	1.90	" "

Pending an investigation by the City Engineer as to the prices paid for similar material by other departments, the question of awarding the contract was postponed until the next meeting.

The Oak Hill Granite Company presented a sample of its stone for paving blocks which was reported by the Engineer to be satisfactory in quality it was thereupon

Voted, that the contract for 190.000 paving blocks be awarded to the Oak Hill Granite Company of Belfast, Maine at $42.- per thousand, and the Chairman was authorized to approve the bond if satisfactory and sign the contract.

The following communication was received from His Honor the Mayor.

"Executive Department Mch. 24. 1887.

"Dear Sir: You are hereby requested to allow all "employes in your department whose services can "be dispensed with a holiday without loss of pay on "Thursday, Fast day, April 7. 1887" Yours truly,

Hugh O'Brien Mayor
per Davis."

The Board having voted the same at the previous meeting the Engineer was directed accordingly.

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Voted, that the bill of J. R. Marvin & Son for printing and binding reports amounting to $ 52. be approved; and that the chairman sign a request on the Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Park Department.

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Boston March 26. 1887.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A. M. Present Mess. Dean, Maguire, & Andrew, also present Mess Olmsted, Jackson & Storrow. The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

The City Engineer reported in part the prices of broken stone heretofore furnished to the city, but in order to afford time for further inquiry the question of awarding the contract was again deferred.

The Engineer also presented a draft for advertisement, specifications and contract for foundations and abutments for the Wood Island Bridge which was read and approved, and the City Engineer was authorized to have the same printed and to advertise for proposals in the Herald, Post, Journal, & Globe to be received and opened April 22nd. 1887.

Voted, that the City Engineer be authorized to continue the dredging, grading and other necessary work on the Public Parks as heretofore under the direction of the Chairman.

Voted, that J. P. Cronan be detailed as watchman at the Charles River Embankment, and that he be paid $ 2.50 per day, with the understanding that he shall do any work called for by the Engineer or his assistants.

Geo. F. Clarke Secy.

Boston, April 1. 1887.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present Mess. Dean, Maguire, and Andrew also present Mess. Olmsted Jackson, Cheney, and Howe. The record of the last meeting was read and approved, also read report of the Sergeant of police for week ending March 27th.

The City Engineer reported that the prices for furnishing the broken stone proposed for by Owen and Hugh Nason were largely in excess of the prices paid by the city heretofore and that the conditions were not understood by some of the quarrymen and the amount of stone required was too large for many to handle it was therefore

Voted, that the bids for furnishing 6000 tons of broken stone for the Back Bay Improvement be rejected and that the City Engineer readvertise the contract in the same papers as before and that the specifications be modified so as to provide for receiving bids for furnishing the whole or any part of the larger sized stone not less than 1000 tons, the specifications and contract to be altered accordingly.

Voted, that the City Engineer be authorized to prepare plans specifications and contract for an iron pier at the Marine Park 30 feet wide with 60 feet spans substantially in accordance with the designs presented by him.

Voted, that the City Engineer be authorized to employ at the expense of this Department, and under the direction of the Chairman two office assistants and a surveying party of three for the purpose of preparing for and executing the work of the Department.

The City Engineer stated that he had placed assistant Engineer E. H. Howe in charge of the Park work who will give his entire time to the Department.

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and recommended that his salary be increased by the Board. It was thereupon

Voted, that assistant Engineer E. W. Horne be paid by this Department at the rate of $1000 per annum from April 1. 1887, in addition to the pay he now receives from the City Engineer's Department.

Voted, that the Chairman cause the Buildings on the Charles River Embankment to be advertised at public auction to be sold on or about April 15th

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In accordance with a vote at the last meeting the Purchasing Agent reported as follows.

Crushers.

S. C. Nightingale & Childs will furnish # 5 Stone Crusher. f.o.b. cars at Ansonia for the sum of $675.

Engines & Boilers.

J. T. Mc Laughlin & Co. 2. 20 HP. Hoadley Engines, one used 3 mos. the other 5 mos. complete and in good order, each $880.

S. C. Nightingale & Childs. one 20 HP. Bigelow Engine pet plate # 2. delivered at Back Bay for. $794.

Westinghouse Church Kerr & Co. N. Y. one 25 HP. Engine delivered in Boston . . . $465.

One horizontal boiler "Economic" # 6 on cars at Pittsburg @ $452. . . . { 452. / 917.

Freight . . 50.

$967.

2. 2 Horse Rollers.

Osgood & Hart 2. 2 horse Rollers Complete 4200 lbs. delivered at Back Bay 480.

Davis & Farnum 2. 2 horse do. do. do do — 600.

Nightingale & Childs 2. 2 " do. do. del. on cars Boston. 600.

Monitor Water Cart.

Abbot Downing Co. one 2 horse Monitor Water Cart. 600 galls.

same as one at Arnold Arboretum $425. one same capacity but different valves and shut off, worked by hand (not by feet) $350. After further explanation by Mr. Shaw, it was Voted, that the Purchasing Agent procure for the use of the Department two Stone crushers from Nightingale & Childs: two Hoadley Engines from J. T. Mc. Laughlin & Co, two rollers from Osgood and Hart, & one watering cart from the Abbott Downing Company at the said prices.

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Boston, April 9. 1887.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11 A. M. Present Mess. Dean, Maguire, & Andrew. Also present Mess. Jackson & Howe. The record of the last meeting was read and approved also read report of the Sergeant of Police for week ending April 3d.

The board gave a hearing to Mr. Charles Harris Agent for the Barber Asphalt Paving Co. and his counsel Mr. C. F. Kittredge in regard to the use of the Trinidad Asphalt for the park roads.

The following Bids for broken stone were received at 12 M. and opened in the presence of the bidders and Mr. Dever, the Mayor's representative, namely.

Thomas Cargill	6000 tons	1.28	
Roxbury Stone Co.	6000 "	1.30	
Owen Nawn	6000 "	1.38	no check.
Hugh Nawn	6000 "	1.39	
Neil Mc. Bride.	1000 "	1.95	

The bid of Thomas Cargill being the lowest was accepted

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and it was,

Voted, that the contract be awarded to Thomas Cargill upon his furnishing two satisfactory sureties for the fulfillment of the contract, and with the understanding that he is to furnish the best Quincy Granite.

The following proposals were received

"Boston April 6. 1887.

"E. W. Howe Esq. Dear Sir. We will set the "blue stone edging and posts at the Back Bay Park "for one hundred and twenty dollars ($120.00). "Will reset park edgestone for 10 cents per lineal "foot and repave gutters for twenty five 25 cents "per square yard. Respectfully Albert A. Libby & Co.

"Boston April 8. 1887.

"We, the undersigned, propose to set the blue stone "Edgings for 10 cents per lineal foot. The blue stone "posts for 1.00 each. Reset such of the granite curb "as may need it, for 15 cents per lineal foot. "Repave the gutters for 25 cents per square yard "according ~~according~~ to your letter of April 4. 1887 "to E. W. Howe. Asst Engineer. City Hall. John Turner & Co."

and it was

Voted, that the proposition of Albert A. Libby & Co. for setting blue stone Edgings & posts and repaving gutters be accepted.

The City Engineer stated that he would like to be relieved from the employment of labor on the Park work which duty could better be done by the Assistant Engineer in charge. It was thereupon,

Voted, that Assistant Engineer E. W. Howe have authority to employ and discharge labor on the Public Parks.

Voted that the application of Phillips Rouca, dated January 26. 1887, to hire the Refectory building at the Marine Park at an annual rent of $600, for such time as the Board shall determine and under such rules as the Board or its Chairman

may make for the convenience of the public be accepted.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, April 15. 1887.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present Messrs Dean, Maguire & Andrew, also present messrs Olmsted, Jackson & Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved, also read report of the Sergeant of Police for week ending April 10th. The Sergeant also reported that two cisterns and vaults were in a dangerous condition at Franklin Park. The Secretary stated that Mr. Howe had given directions to fill them up.

Mr. F. C. Warren appeared before the Board with the request that his rent cease on March 1st in view of the loss and inconvenience he had suffered while the sea wall was being built, and it was

Voted, that the request of Mr. Warren be granted in consideration of his leaving the buildings at the disposal of the City.

At the suggestion of the chairman the Landscape Architect was requested to make arrangements for planting the Neponset Road with trees on Arbor Day. Mr. Olmsted presented a plan for the extension of the Riverdale parkway to Beacon Street, which had been approved by the owners of the lands between Beacon street and the B. & A. Railroad, who were willing to give a strip 100 feet wide for such approach and would sell a further strip 25 ft wide for $1. per square foot. The plan also called for additional lands on the easterly side of the railroad for which no figures

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had been made.

Voted, that the Assistant Engineer in charge of the Park Work be authorized with the approval of the Chairman to fix the pay of Foreman, Sub-foremen, Master Gardeners, Watchmen & Bordermen, not to exceed the following rates: Foremen $4. per day. Subforemen and Master Gardeners. $3. per day. Watchmen, $2.50 per day. & Bordermen $. 2.25 per day.

Voted, that all work on the Public Parks, under the plans of the Board not already provided for be pushed as rapidly as it can be done economically, the Engineer reporting progress weekly to the Board.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, April 22. 1887.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present Messrs. Dean, Maguire, & Andrew. also present Messrs. Olmsted, Cheney & Howe. The record of the last meeting was read and approved, also read report of the Sergeant of police for week ending April 17. A further hearing was given to the Barber Asphalt Company which was represented by Mr. Charles Barus, Captain [illegible] of New York, and Mr. C. F. Kittredge. Mr. R. M. Morse Jr. was also given a hearing in the Billings & Brooks case Franklin Park.

The following bids for abutments &c. for Wood Island Park Bridge were received and publicly opened at 12 M. Mr. Dever from the Mayor's office being present.

Boynton Brothers . . 38.165
Hugh Nawn & Son. . . 32.724.90
Sylvester & Rowe . . 28.977.

And it was

Voted, that the contract be awarded to Messrs. Sylvester & Rowe, the lowest bidder, and that the Chairman be authorized to approve the bond and sign the contract.

Voted, that the amount of the bond be fixed at $10.000.

The Secretary stated that he had notified Thomas Cargill that the contract for 6000 tons of broken stone was ready for signing, but that Mr. Cargill had failed to appear. It was thereupon,

Voted, that the contract be awarded to the Roxbury Stone Company, the next lowest bidder and that the Chairman be authorized to approve the bond and sign the contract.

Voted, that the amount of the bond be fixed at $3,000.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Secy

Boston April 29. 1887.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11,30 A. M. Present Mess. Dean, Maguire & Andrew, also present Mess. Olmsted & Howe. The record of the last meeting was read and approved, also read report of the Sergeant of Police for week ending April 24th.

Mess. Richard Ames, and F. W. Potter appeared before the Board together with Mr. F. W. Lawrence, Chairman of the Brookline Park Commissioners, ~~appeared before the Board~~, who came at the request of Mr. Ames. Mr. Ames

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presented petitions signed by T. E. Francis and 99 others, and Jacob Edwards and 60 others in regard to the unhealthy condition of Muddy River and requesting that it may be remedied by an early completion of the proposed improvement of the river. Mr. Ames explained the views of the petitioners. Mr. Lawrence stated that the town of Brookline had closed two of the sewer openings and raised the grades of the others which he thought would prevent any sewerage from Brookline entering the river. He also said that the town was ready to cooperate with Boston in the improvement of the river at any time.

It was afterwards agreed that if a hearing can be arranged with the committee on cities of the Legislature that the petitioners be notified to appear before that committee.

The following communication from the mayor with action of the City Council thereon transmitting a petition from Henry L. Pierce and others for the purchase of Vose's or Baker's grove for a park, was received:

"City of Boston, Executive Department.
April 21st 1887.

"To the Honorable the City Council:—

"Gentlemen:— The annexed petition from prominent and well-known citizens in Ward 24. for a small park and playground for children in the neighborhood of that thickly settled portion of Dorchester called the Lower Mills, is worthy of consideration, and I respectfully suggest that the same be referred to the Park Commissioners. Respectfully submitted.

"Hugh O'Brien. Mayor"

"In Com. Council April 21. 1887. Referred to the Board of Park Commissioners. Sent up for Concurrence. David F. Barry President. In Board of Aldermen April 25. 1887. Concurred Patk. J. Donovan Chairman."

"To the City Council of Boston.

"Gentlemen, The undersigned citizens of that part of the 24th Ward, called the Lower Mills, respectfully represent that it is their desire that the City should become possessed of the Grove in our vicinity known

" as Voses Grove, and sometimes Baker's Grove. The owners
" of the above have kindly allowed the Public free use of
" the places in the past, but it seems as if it would be well
" for the City to own it. That we may have a right there
" without being beholden to private individuals. Also, it is
" the wish of your Petitioners, that enough of the vacant
" land near by should be taken for a play ground for
" the children, as there is no place in the vicinity where
" they can play their games without giving offence
" to the neighbors. We therefor respectfully ask
" you to consider the above request, and grant the
" same if it meet your approbation. Henry L. Pierce"
and sixty one others. and it was

Voted, to notify said petitioners of a hearing before the Legislative Committee if such a hearing can be had.

The following was received.

" City of Boston, In Common Council April 16, 1887.
" Ordered: That the Board of Park Commissioners be
" requested to report upon the cost and advisibility of
" establishing a suitable play ground of five or six
" acres, for boys and athletic Clubs, on the waste land
" west of Boston street and south of Swett street, or
" between Dorchester avenue and the Old Colony Railroad,
" and north of Mt. Vernon street, or upon the Cow
" Pasture. Passed. Sent up for concurrence. In Board
" of Aldermen, April 18. Concurred. Approved by the
" Mayor, April 21. 1887. A true copy. Attest.
" John T. Priest, assist. clerk."

Voted, that the Secretary prepare a circular to be addressed to the owners of such lands asking for proposals for the sale of land to the city for said purpose.

Voted, that there be purchased of Nicholas Fitzgerald executor of the will of Mary J. Conroy for the purposes of a public park a certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated on the westerly side of Downer street in the city of Boston, contain-

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ing 3000 square feet, and shown on a "plan of a part of Proposed Muddy River Improvement," drawn by Alexis H. French C.E. dated September 1. 1882, on file at the office of this Board; and that there be paid to the said Nicholas Fitzgerald, Executor, the sum of twenty four hundred dollars upon his giving a deed for the same, satisfactory to the City Solicitor containing the limitation for said purposes. and that the Chairman sign a request on the Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment: said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Muddy River Improvement.

Geo F. Clarke, Secy.

Boston May 2. 1887.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present, Mess. Dean, Maguire & Andrew.

The record of the last meeting was read & approved. The Board reorganized by the choice of Benj. Dean, Chairman. John F. Andrew Chairman pro tem; and Geo. F. Clarke Secretary for the ensuing year.

Voted. that Mr. Maguire be authorized to approve drafts and bills in the absence of the Chairman and Chairman pro tem.

Proposals for furnishing 400 cords Horse Manure for Franklin Park were received and opened at 12 M. Mr. Dever from the Executive Dept. and Mr. Howe being present. The bids were as follows.

Hugh Nawn. proposes to furnish 400 Cords Manure @ 6.50 per cord.

O. Nawn. proposes to furnish 400 cords Manure @ 7.25 per cord.

Voted, that the bid of Hugh Nunn be accepted and the contract awarded to him, the Chairman to require such guarantee for the for the completion of the work as he may think necessary and to approve the contract.

Mr. Thomas Alexander appeared before the Board and explained his sliding Toboggan which he wished to erect on Franklin Park. It was afterwards

Voted, that the Secretary notify Mr. Alexander, also Walter Mott M. D. proprietor of the Water Toboggan, that after careful consideration of their several matters the Board has concluded that no permission can be granted for the purposes desired by them.

Voted, that the Chairman make a requed on the Auditor for a special draft for five hundred dollars in favor of Oliver L. Shaw, paymaster and purchasing agent, to be held by him for the payment of discharged men, freight and incidentals, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Public Park Construction.

Voted, that E. W. Bumstead be employed by the year at the rate of $1800. per annum from April 20th.

Geo. H. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, May 13. 1887.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A. M. Present Mess. Maguire and Andrew all having been duly notified: also present mess. Olmsted & Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved. Also read reports of the Sergeant of Police for weeks ending May 1st & 8th. His report on the condition and care of the Sanitary buildings was refered to Mr. Howe. The following petitions

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referred to this Board by the Board of Aldermen were received.

"Boston, May 2d 1887.

"To the Hon. Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston

"The undersigned citizens of Brighton, respectfully ask, that a small Grove at North Brighton, known as "Stone's Grove", be purchased and set apart, as a small Park and playground for children in said thickly settled section. J. A. Bathaway, Thomas Waters, H. B. Goodenough. J. F. Kelly. Dennis McCarthy. M. F. Morley J. S. Osgood.

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"Refered to Park Commissioners. J. A. O'Neil. City Clerk."

"To the Board of Aldermen

"of the City of Boston.

"Your petitioners respectfully request your honorable body to have the summit of Savin Hill consisting of about ten acres, set apart and placed in the charge and custody of the Park Commissioners of the City of Boston that the same may be used for Park purposes, and any further encroachments on same by building be prevented. The inhabitants of Dorchester possessing a valuable franchise or easement in said hill under the conditions of the grant made in 1636 and 1638 as per Dorchester Town Records page 24 and so. The hill at that time being known as Rocky Hill, and later on Old Hill. Yr. Respectfully,

"James H. Stark."

"City of Boston, In Board of Aldermen, May 9. 1887.

"Refered to Park Commissioners. J. A. O'Neil. City Clerk."

And it was Voted, that the Chairman request the opinion of the Corporation Counsel on the question of the public rights in the summit of Savin Hill.

A communication from P. J. Heurs Corresponding Secretary "Branch 8 International Union of Bricklayers and Masons of America & Canada" in regard to the hours of labor and rate of pay of masons on the park work, and addressed to the Chairman of the

Board, was received and read. Mr. Howe stated that the men referred to in the letter had left the work of their own accord and under the Civil Service rules could not now be reinstated; also that the new men were apparently satisfied with their hours of labor and had made no request for shorter hours. No action thereupon therefore being deemed necessary the communication was placed on file.

A letter was received from the Boston Memorial Association in reference to planting trees on the Islands of the Harbor. Referred to Mr. Olmsted to report upon the feasibility and proper method of carrying out the suggestion.

Voted, that the Board of Police be requested to furnish six men for special duty at Franklin Park, and two men at the Arnold Arboretum on Sundays and holidays until further notice.

Voted, that the Boston Water Board be requested to lay service pipes in the roads bordering the lower basin of Back Bay in advance of the macadamizing of the roads which will be done at once.

Geo. H. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston May 20th 1887.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A. M. Present Messrs. Dean, Maguire & Andrew, also present Messrs Olmsted, Jackson, Cheney & Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved, also read report of the Sergeant of Police for week ending May 15th.

Executive Circular No. 16 was received and read. The subject having been settled by vote of March 18. 1887.

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the circular was placed on file.

Mr. Olmsted recommended that Mr. Galvin be paid 10 cts. each for the 750 Forsythia sent by him to the Department in 1886, and it was

Voted: that Mr. John Galvin be paid $75. for the 1d. of Forsythia which he delivered on the park premises last year with the request that they be used.

Mr. Olmsted reported that he had concluded an agreement with Mr. Temple to supply plants to the amount of about $1100. substantially in accordance with his proposition of last June, and that the plants had all been delivered and were satisfactory.

It was thereupon

Voted, that the bill of N. L. Temple for nursery stock amounting to $1153.10 be allowed and paid upon his signing an agreement releasing the City from all claims, demands or obligations of any kind arising or growing out of his proposition for the planting and care taking of the Beacon Entrance grounds at Back Bay, dated November 24. 1883. which proposition was accepted and approved by the Board December 1. 1883, and that the Chairman make a request on the Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Park Construction.

An application was received from D. W. Waldron for leave to hold picnics at Franklin Park as heretofore under the management of the "Fresh Air Fund" & it was

Voted, that Rev. D. W. Waldron be permitted to occupy the grove at Franklin Park for the Fresh Air Fund Picnics for about twelve days after the fourth of July under the same arrangements as in former years.

A communication was received from T. A. Bartholomew, President of the Riley Railway Construction Comp'y. of New Jersey, asking for a temporary location on

Franklin Park for a half mile section of its system of Elevated Railway and with the right to operate the same for one year when it shall be removed on sixty days notice from the Commissioners after decision it was

Voted, that it is inexpedient to grant the request of the Riley Railway Construction Company for permission to erect a temporary elevated road in Franklin Park.

Voted, that the Boston Water Board be requested to lay water pipes in the road surrounding the playsted at Franklin Park prior to the surfacing of the road the expense thereof to be charged to this Department.

Voted, that the City Engineer be authorized to adopt an improvement in the method of setting up and operating the Stone Crushers for the Park Department.

Voted, that the City Engineer be authorized to construct suitable quarters for the working force in the rear of the Williams house at Franklin Park at a cost not exceeding $2000.

Voted, that the Assistant Engineer in charge be authorized to procure a new buggy giving the old one in exchange as part payment therefor.

Voted, that the action of the Chairman in increasing the pay of Mr. I. H. Watson from $5. to $5.60 per day be approved.

Voted, that the day watchman at the Marine Park be paid 30 cents per hour and the night watchman 20 cents per hour.

Voted, that there be purchased of Otis H. Reed, for the purposes of a public park, a certain parcel of land situated on Kimball Street in the City of Boston containing 45.950 square feet more or less, and shown on a plan of a part of Proposed Muddy River

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Improvement dated September 1. 1882, on file at the office of this Board, and that there be paid to the said Otis H. Weed the sum of four thousand dollars upon his giving a deed for the same, satisfactory to the City Solicitor, containing the limitation for said purposes, and that the Chairman sign a request on the Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment: said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Muddy River Improvement.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, May 24. 1887.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present Messrs Dean & Andrew all having been duly notified.

The record of the last meeting was read & approved.

Mr. Moorfield Storey appeared in reference to the claim of the Boston & Roxbury Mill Corporation, After consultation the Board adjourned to meet the City Solicitor later in the day.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, June 10 1887

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners, was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. all being notified except Mr. Weed who is absent on leave, present: Messrs. Dean and Andrew, also present Messrs. Olmsted, Jackson & Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved, also read reports of the Sergeant of Police for weeks ending May 22. 29th & June 5. Proposals were to be received according to advertisement at 12 M. for 100.000 Paving blocks for Franklin Park. Only one

bid was received which was opened in the presence of Mr. Dever from the Mayors office, and was as follows:
S. & R. J. Lombard Forty two & 50/100 dollars per thousand
and it was Voted, that the bid of S. & R. J. Lombard for 100 000 paving blocks be accepted, that the amount of the bond be fixed at $2000, and the Chairman be authorized to approve the bond and sign the contract.

Voted: that the Secretary arrange for the sale of the grass at Franklin Park by auction as formerly.

Voted: that the City Engineer print the specifications and advertize for proposals for building 1000 feet of the iron pier at the Marine park the bids to be opened July 8th at 12 M.

Voted: That the purchasing agent be authorized to purchase a water cart, 2 road rollers 1 field roller and other necessary tools for the Parks on the requisition of the Engineer in charge.

Voted: that the pay of William Nicholsen Jr. Captain of row boat, be increased from $2.25 to $2.50 per day.

Voted: that the pay of Charles E. Houghton, leveller, be increased from $2. to $2.25 per day and of E. K. Brown rodman from $1.50 to $2.00 per day.

An application was received from Mrs. B. L. Jennihan to be given charge of the ladies room at the refectory building, Marine Park, and was refered to the Chairman.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y

Boston June 16. 1887.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office, at 1. P.M. all having been duly notified except Mr. Andrew who is absent from the City. Present Mess. Dean & Maguire, also present Mess. Cheney & Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved, also read report of the Sergeant of Police for week ending June 12th.

Mr. Cheney presented a proof copy of the specifications for an iron pier at the Marine park which was approved. Reading order of the City Council to close City Hall and the public offices on June 17. 1887. and Communication from the Mayor as follows:

"City of Boston. Executive Department.

"City Hall June 14th 1887

"Sir.

"You are hereby requested to allow all "the employees in your department a holiday "without loss of pay, on Friday June 17th 1887.

"Yours truly

"Hugh O'Brien

"Mayor. D."

In compliance with the above request it was,

Voted, that all employes of the department whose services can be dispensed with, be given a holiday on June 17th 1887. without loss of pay, with the understanding that to receive said pay, the men must be on duty the day before, and the day after said holiday.

Voted, that the City Engineer be authorized to advertise for proposals for setting curb-stones and paving gutters at the Back Bay: the bids to be opened July 1st at 12 M.

Voted that the Engineer in charge be authorized to obtain bids for paving gutters at the Arnold Arboretum without advertising.

The Chairman reported that he had seen Mrs. Tennihan whose application had been received at the last meeting, and had arranged with her to take charge of the ladies room at the Marine Park refectory the pay to be $1.00 per day.

The Secretary stated that he had seen Chairman Whiting and Commissioner [illegible] of the Board of Police and was told that they could furnish no men for the parks on June 17th or July 4th. He also stated that the Sergeant of the Park Police had asked for more Special Officers for the Franklin Park, to be put on at once, one Special having been threatened, with an assault by a noisy gang of roughs who frequent the Park evenings. He also said the Sergeant had given him the names of four men living on or near the park who would undertake the work, and whom, he could recommend as suitable for the position. It was thereupon

Voted, that Thomas Leonard, John H. Flemming, John Thornton and Henry P. Brady, be appointed Special police officers at Franklin Park for temporary duty on Sundays, holidays, and week-day evenings, and that they be paid twenty-five cents per hour for such services as the Sergeant of police may require and certify to the Board.

Geo. H. Clarke.
Sec'y.

Boston June 24. 1887

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present Mess. Dean & Maguire, Mr. Andrew being absent in Europe. Also present Mess. Olmsted, Jackson and Howe. Mr. Jackson presented the plans for the Marine Park Pier.

The report of the Sergeant of Police for week ending June 19th was read, also Special report dated June 18th in regard to better police protection during the hours from seven to eleven P.M. and Communication dated June 22. 1887. recommending four men for Special Police duty. It was thereupon, the Com^rs having heretofore considered the subject,

Voted, that James A. Dixon, William F. Tolman, James C. Christian, and John J. Fee, be appointed Special police officers at Franklin Park for temporary duty, under the same arrangement and terms provided in the vote of this Board of June 16th last, in relation to Special police officers.

The following proposals to pave gutters, at the Arnold Arboretum were received:

Albert A. Libby & Co.	27 Cts. per square yard
F. H. Payson.	30 " " " "
H. Gore & Co.	33 " " " "
Payson & Co.	40 " " " "

And it was

Voted, that the proposal of Albert A. Libby & Co be accepted and that the Chairman be authorized to approve the same.

The following Communication was received.

" To the Honorable,
" Board of Park Comm^rs:
" Gentlemen: —

City of Boston
Office of the City Messenger
City Hall, June 20. '87.

" Will you have the kindness to give

"me permission to give two open air concerts
"on the Marine Park, South Boston during
"the present summer, in accordance with
"a vote of the City Council, and oblige,
"Yours Respectfully
"A. H. Peters.
"City Messenger.

and it was,

Voted, that the City be authorized to give concerts on the Marine Park during the summer.

The following was received:

"To the Honorable Board of Aldermen of the
"City of Boston.

"The undersigned respectfully
"petition your Honorable body to place in the cus-
"tody and charge of the Park Commissioners a
"certain tract of land consisting of about 10 acres
"known as Savin Hill, in the Dorchester District,
"in order that the same may be used for Park
"purposes, and the prevention of any further
"encroachments on same with buildings.
"The inhabitants of Dorchester possessing a
"valuable franchise or easement in said Hill
"under the grant of 1636-8, as is shown in
"the Dorchester Town Records pp 24. 40. The said
"Hill is therein described as Rocky Hill, and
"known later as Old Hill.
James H. Stark."

"City of Boston, In Board of Aldermen,
"June 20. 1887.
"Refered to Board of Park Commissioners
J. H. O'Neil, City Clerk.

An application was received from J. M.
Douglas, Asst. Superintendant Fremont Street
M. E. Sunday School for permission to
hold a pic-nic at Franklin Park on June
30th which was granted, the Secretary

June 24. 1887. to notify Mr. Douglas accordingly.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Secy.

Boston, June 27. 1887.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at Mr. Maguire's office at 12 M. at the request of Mr. Bailey. Present Mess. Dean and Maguire. A report from Mr. Tenneham at the Marine Park Refectory was received and read. Mr. Nason appeared for Mr. Bailey, but not being ready with the vote required the meeting was adjourned.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Secy.

Boston, June 29. 1887.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 12.30 P. M. Present Mess. Dean & Maguire. Mr. Andrew being absent in Europe.

The records of the last three meetings were read and approved, also read report of the Sergeant of police for week ending June 26th. At the request and under the advice of the City Solicitor, it was

Voted, That in the case of George Billings vs. the City of Boston, now pending in the Superior Court for the County of Suffolk, the City Solicitor be authorized to consent to judgment for the petitioner in the sum of forty-one thousand dollars, and to agree in behalf of the defendant that the petitioner or his

assigns may have the house and buildings forming a part of the Billings estate in controversy in said suit, the same to be removed in three months from the land.

A communication was received from the Civil Service Commission in regard to the Special police officers lately appointed, which was read and placed on file.

A request was received from the City Messenger to authorize the placing of a music stand on Marine Park, July 4th for the purpose of a concert, and it was so voted.

Applications were received from F. H. Kummer, Supt. Consumptives Home, and the Boston Young Men's Christian Association for permission to hold religious services on the Public Parks, & it was Voted, that it is inexpedient to grant said requests, and that the Secretary notify them accordingly.

The meeting was adjourned to 2.30 P. M. when the City Solicitor & Mr. R. M. Morse Jr. appeared before the Board to further explain the Billings case, but the previous action of the Board was not reconsidered.

In regard to the discontinuing of ways in Franklin Park, the City Solicitor was of opinion that the laying out of Franklin Park on the Olmsted Plan would authorize the treating of the streets and ways so taken for use for park purposes according to the plan, and advised the continuing of Park construction without regard to such streets and ways obstructing or obliterating so much as was necessary for said construction, the necessity of the case not admitting of any delay.

it was thereupon

Voted: that the City Engineer go on with the work of park construction

June 29. 1887.

as heretofore ordered and without regard to the existing roads in Franklin Park.

Geo. F. Clarke, Sec'y.

Boston July 1, 1887.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present Messrs. Dean and Maguire - Mr. Andrew being absent in Europe - also present Messrs. Olmsted, and Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

A communication was received from the Corporation Counsel in reference to the public rights in Jamaica Hill which was read & placed on file.

An application from Frederick Campbell for permission to hold religious services at Franklin Park was received and it was,

Voted, that it is inexpedient to grant the request of Rev. Frederick Campbell for permission to hold religious services Sunday afternoons at Franklin Park.

A notice of a hearing before the Committee on paving at 2. P. M. on the change of grade of Boylston St. ~~on Paving at 2 P. M.~~ was received: and it was

Voted, that the Secretary notify the Chairman of the Committee that this Board will make no objection to the alteration of the grade as is understood to be contemplated, but that such alteration is not important to the plans of the Department, and it cannot be subject to any expense therefor.

The following proposals were received for setting curbstones and paving gutters at

Back Bay according to advertisement and were opened in the presence of Mr. Dever of the Executive Department and some of the bidders:

James A. Colson, Charlestown. Curbstones, 20 ct. pr. lin. foot.
" " " Paving gutter 30 ct. pr. Sq. yard.
Fred A. Gow, for Gow Brothers. Curbstones. 25 ct. pr. lin. foot
" " " " Paving gutters 40 ct. pr. sq. yard
Albert A. Libby & Co. Curbstones 30 ct. pr. lin. foot.
" " Paving Gutters 50 ct. pr. sq. yard.

Mr. Colson's bid was unaccompanied by a certified check for $200. as called for by the advertisement.

The matter of the awarding of the contract was taken under advisement. After consultation it was

Voted: that the work be done by day labor.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, July 8. 1887

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present Mess. Dean & Maguire. Mr. Andrew being absent in Europe. Also present Mess. Olmsted, Jackson Cheney & Howe. The records of the last meeting were read and approved. A Committee from the Brookline Land Company came before the Board to urge the importance of beginning the work of construction of the Riverdale Improvement.

Proposals for building an iron pier at the Marine Park were received and opened, Mr. Dever from the mayor's office and representatives of the bidders being present. They were as follows:

W. G. Cooledge & Co. Chicago Ill. } For twenty six (26) Cast-iron pier-piles in place . . . . . $ 38.75
12 spans of superstructure in place $ 39.200
10 additional Cast-iron pier piles in place $ 38.75
5 additional spans of superstructure in place $ 16.750.

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Boynton Bros. For 26 cast-iron piles in place 42.60
" 12 spans of superstructure in place 34.800.
" 10 additional cast iron pier piles in place 42.60
" 5 additional spans of superstructure. 14.500.

Builders Iron Foundry
by R. A. Robertson Jr. Agt.
Providence R.I. For 26 cast-iron pier-piles in place $ 37.50
" 12 spans of superstructure in place. 37.700.
" 10 additional cast-iron pier piles, in place .. 37.50
" 5 additional spans of superstructure. 15.990.

and it was

Voted, that the bid of the Builders Iron Foundry of Providence R.I. be accepted, that the amount of the bond be fixed at $33.000 and the Chairman be authorized to approve the bond and sign the contract.

Voted. that the Purchasing Agent procure three dozen settees for Franklin Park of the kind heretofore approved by the Board.

Voted: that there be purchased of William E. Finneran, Administrator of the estate of Patrick Finneran, for the purposes of a public park, a certain parcel of land, with the buildings thereon, situated on the westerly side of Downer st. and distant 80 feet northerly from Fremont street, in the city of Boston, containing 3000 square feet, and shown on a "plan of a part of Proposed Muddy River Improvement" drawn by Alexis H. French. C.E., dated Sept. 1. 1882, on file at the office of the Board; and that there be paid to said William E. Finneran administrator the sum of thirty-eight hundred dollars upon his giving a deed for the same satisfactory to the city Solicitor, containing the limitation for said purposes; and that the Chairman sign a request on the Auditor

for a special draft in favor of said payment, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Muddy River Improvement

Whereas it is understood that the City by its Paving Department desires to raise the grade of Boylston street between West Chester Park and Parker street, according to a plan of the same, drawn by the City Surveyor, and on file at his office; and that releases have been arranged for or obtained from all parties entitled to grade damages on account of raising said grade; and that it is desirable to know what action this Board will take in the event of the carrying out of said plan by the City, it is therefore,

Voted, that upon the passage of the necessary orders to raise the grade of Boylston street from West Chester Park to Parker street, and the depositing of releases of grade damages for all lands affected thereby, with the City Auditor, this Board will proceed at once to raise the grade of the Boylston Entrance to Back Bay to conform to such revised grade of Boylston street.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, July 15 1887

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present Mess. Dunn & Maguire, Mr. Andrews being absent in Europe. also present Mess. Olmsted & Howe. The record of the last meeting was read and approved, also read reports of the Sergeant of police of July 5th and 11th also special officer

July 13. 1887. Connolly's report of July 14th and Mr. Jennihans reports of July 2nd & 11th.

The Secretary was directed to notify Mr. Sylvester L. Ward to meet the Board next Friday.

Voted: that the Engineer in charge have the pumps that have become useless at Franklin Park replaced.

Voted: that the Engineer in charge place a fence along the Charles River Embankment lands, fill the cellars and do what grading can now be done.

The Chairman reported that he had approved the bond and signed the contract with the Builders Iron Foundry of Providence.

The following orders were received read and placed on file.

"City of Boston

"In Common Council, July 7. 1887.

"Ordered:—

"That the Park Commissioners be
"requested to place women in charge of
"the ladies' refectory at the City Point Marine
"Park and at Franklin Park, in stead of
"men; and, if the management of any refec-
"tories have been let out to men, that the said
"Board be requested to remove them and to
"let out the privileges and the management of
"such places to women.
"Passed. Sent up for concurrence. In Board
"of Aldermen, July 11. concurred. Approved by the
"Mayor, July 13, 1887.
"A true copy, Attest: John T. Priest"
Asst City clerk."

"City of Boston,

"In Common Council, July 7. 1887.

"Ordered:— "That the Board of Park Commis-
"sioners be requested to remove the Gents' Toilet from
"the Ladies' Refectory on the City Point Marine

"Park, and convert the same to the use of ladies,
"Passed. Sent up for concurrence. In Board of
"Aldermen, July 11. Concurred. Approved by
"the Mayor, July 13, 1887.
"A true Copy. Attest: John T. Priest
Asst City Clerk."

The following petition referred to this Board by the Board of Aldermen was received and referred to the City Engineer with the request that he report upon the matter to this Board.

"East Boston, July 1. 1887

"To His Honor the Mayor and the Board of
"Aldermen of the City of Boston.

"Gentlemen: The Citizens Trade Association
"at its meeting held June 20. 1887 instructed the
"undersigned to petition you as follows. Viz"
"That it is for the public interest that the city
"of Boston become the owner of the land lying
"west of Putnam street, and south of Falcon street
"adjoining the East Boston Reservoir, It is believed
"the land can now be bought at a price that
"will cost the City of Boston less than the expense
"will be of protecting the land, after it is improved
"from the leakage of the Reservoir." This land by
"a small expense can be made an acceptable
"play-ground for children in the vicinity".

"The Citizens Trade Association
"of East Boston.
"By Andrew M. Morton, President.
"George Mc. Carthy, Secretary.

"City of Boston, In Board of Aldermen.
"July 11, 1887. Referred to Park Commissioners
"J. H. O'Neil, City Clerk."

The Board afterwards visited the parks accompanied by mess. Olmsted and Howe.

Geo. F. Clarke
Sec'y.

Boston, July 18. 1887.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present Mess. Dean & Maguire, Mr. Andrew being absent in Europe, Also present City Solicitor Bailey and Park Commissioner H. W. Whitney of Brookline.

A consultation was had relative to the laying out of a part of the Muddy River Improvement.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Secy.

Boston July 22 1887.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 a.m. Present Mess. Dean & Maguire, Mr. Andrew being absent in Europe. Also present Mess. Olmsted, Jackson & Hare.

The City Engineer submitted plans for the foundations and arches of Agassiz bridge which were approved, and the Engineer was authorized to advertise for proposals in accordance with said plans.

Voted: that the City Engineer be authorized to contract for the stone for the parapet to the overlook at Franklin Park at a cost not exceeding $1800.

Voted; that Rev. D. W. Waldron be permitted to hold a band concert at a picnic for aged people to be given at Franklin Park the present month.

The chairman called attention to the fact that the expenditures for building the driveways at the Arnold Arboretum now amounted to $74.377.13 it being nearly the amount of the sum stated in the lease and in the order of the City Council, and a discussion was had relative to the necessity of suspending the work on that account. The Secretary stated that at the request of the Chairman, he had con-

ferred with the Corporation Counsel before his departure for Europe as to whether further action of the City Council was necessary to authorize further expenditures on the Arboretum than the sum stated in the Order of the City Council and in the lease to the College.

The Corporation Counsel stated that he was of opinion that no further action of the City Council was necessary and advised that the work could proceed after the expenditure of $75.000 the same as before.

The meeting was thereupon adjourned until 3 P.M. in order to get the opinion of the City Solicitor who in the absence of the Corporation Counsel was made the legal advisor of the Board by the City ordinances.

Agreeable to adjournment the Commissioners met at 3. P.M. at the office of the Board — Present Mess. Dean & Maguire, also present messrs Olmsted and Howe.

The Chairman reported that during the adjournment in company with Mr F. L. Olmsted and the Secretary he had conferred with Mr. Andrew J. Bailey, the City Solicitor — the corporation counsel being in Europe — regarding the right of the Commissioners to go on with the construction of the driveways on the Arnold Arboretum beyond the expenditure of the $75.000 mentioned in the language: "but at a cost not exceeding $75.000", in the indenture between the City of Boston and Harvard College, made the 30th of December 1882. Mr. Bailey the City Solicitor, confirmed the opinion given by Mr. Nettleton to the Secretary of the Board. The opinion of Mr. Nettleton, Corporation Counsel, concurred in all respects with the opinion and

July 22. 1887.

advice given this day to the Chairman of this Board, for the guidance of the Board, and now reported to the Board for its guidance.

The City Solicitor advised the Board through its Chairman that the sum of $75.000 mentioned in said indenture, was not a limit of the power or duty of the commissioners with regard to the construction of the driveways in the Arboretum, but it is the duty of the commissioners and within their authority to go on with the construction of said driveways, without regard to the mention of $75.000 as if no sum was inserted. It was within the power of the Board without any other authority to use the money in its hands for the purpose of finishing these driveways beyond the $75.000 in the same way as it could use the money for any other Park construction - all being alike, It was thereupon Voted, to continue the construction of the drive way to the top of the hill, and that that be the limit of construction on the Arnold Arboretum the present year.)+

The Chairman also stated that he had conferred with the City Solicitor in regard to the closing of the ways in Franklin Park who stated that he is still of the opinion that the Board should go on with the work, and that he would see the Street Commissioners and inform them of his opinion to the Board.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, July 28. 1887.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present Mess. Dean & Maguire. Mr. Andrew being absent in Europe. The following was received:

"City of Boston Executive Department, July 28 "
" 1887. To the Board of Park Commissioners."

"Gentlemen:- I have been waited upon
"this noon by a Committee of the Knights of Labor,
"concerning a half-holiday for the laborers in
"the Park Department on Saturdays. I believe
"that if the laborers in that department
"should have such half-holiday granted them,
"the same as laborers in other departments, and
"I hope that it will be brought about.

"Yours truly,

"Hugh O'Brien, Mayor."

Thereupon it was

Voted, that the laborers in this Department whose services can be dispensed with be granted a half-holiday without loss of pay on Saturdays after to day, and during August and September, as requested by His Honor the Mayor.

The Chairman sent a communication to the Mayor, stating the action taken.

Geo. F. Clarke.
Sec'y.

Boston, Aug 5. 1887.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present Mess. Dean & Maguire. Mr. Andrew being absent in Europe. Also present Mess. Olmsted & Howe.

The records of the meetings of the Board of July 15.th " 18th " 22nd " & 28th " were read and

approved. Also read, Reports of the Sergeant of Police of August 1st also report of Special Officer Connolly of July 21, and August 4th and Mrs. Tennihan's reports of July 18 & August 1st.

A communication from John E. Burgess offering Red Gravel for sale was read & placed on file. The following was received.

"City of Boston, Executive Department, City Hall
July 15. 1887.

"Sir:

"You are hereby requested to grant a holi-
"day, without loss of pay, to all of your employees
"whose services can be dispensed with on "Labor Day",
"September 5th 1887. Yours Truly,
Hugh O'Brien, Mayor
per Davis."

said day being a legal holiday and the Board having previously taken action in the matter no further action was considered necessary.

The Engineer in charge was directed to place a wire between the lower rail & the deck of the Marine Park pier.

Voted, that the City Treasurer be requested to allow and pay to the bearer Thomas F. Clasby the amounts due Thomas Clasby, deceased, said Thomas F. Clasby being the eldest son of the deceased, on pay rolls of this Department of July 1st to 14th and July 15th to 21st amounting to $15.80.

Geo. F. Clarke.
Sec'y.

Boston, Aug. 12. 1887.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present Mess. Dean and Maguire. Mr. Andrew being absent in Europe. Also present Mess. Olmsted, Jackson & Howe.

The record of the meeting of August 5th was read and approved. Also read report of Ch. Sergeant of Police of August 8th also report of Special Officer Connolly of August 11, and Mrs. Tomlinson's report of August 8th.

One bid was received under the advertisement for proposals for building a bridge on Agassiz Road Back Bay, which was opened in the presence of Mr. Dever of the Mayor's Office and the representatives of the bidder, and was as follows.

Thomas A. Rowe, Boston, $34.814. and the matter was taken under advisement.

After a consultation with the Engineer it was

Voted, that the contract for building the Agassiz Bridge be awarded to Thomas A. Rowe: the amount of bond be fixed at $10.000, and the chairman be authorized to approve the bond and sign the contract.

The following bids for building fences on the Charles River Embankment obtained by the City Engineer were received and opened, viz:

J. B. McLaughlin	Dedham	21 cts.
John B. Wilson.		21 9/10.
McGarvagle & Co.		22 "
W. H. Keyes & Co.		24 "
Hiram Ames.		42 "

and it was, Voted, to accept the proposal of J. B. McLaughlin and that the Secretary notify him accordingly.

Voted, that the pay of George H. Chase Sub-Foreman at Back Bay, be increased from $3. to $3.50 per day.

Notice of a meeting of creditors in Insolvency proceedings against the estate of Richard F.

Aug. 12. 1887.

Trail to be held Sept. 8th at the Probate Court room, to prove debts and chose assignees was received. Mr. Shaw stated that Pratt was owing rent for occupancy of Charles River Embankment lands, but thought the estate would yield little or nothing to creditors. It was then upon,

Voted, that the papers be referred to Mr. Shaw, to collect what can be obtainable on the claim.

Mr. Shaw afterward reported that the Creditors obtained nothing from the Estate.

Geo. F. Clarke, Sec'y.

Boston, Sept. 9. 1887.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A. M. Present. Mess. Dean & Maguire. Mr. Andrew being absent in Europe. Also present Mr. E. W. Howe.

The record of the meeting of August 12th was read and approved. also read reports of Sergeant of Police of Aug. 15, 22, 29 & Sept. 5. Special Officer Connollys reports of Aug. 18. 25, & Sept. 1. and Mrs. Jeminhans reports of Augt. 16. 22. 29 & Sept. 7.

The following was received

"Boston, Sept 7. 1887.

"To the Hon, the Board of Park Commissioners,
"City of Boston, Benjamin Dean,
" Patrick Maguire.
" John F. Andrew.

"Gentlemen.

"In consequence of delay in receiving the Cut Stone for the Wood Island Park Bridge "abutments, caused by the labor troubles, and scarcity "of men at the quarries, We, the Contractors for "building said abutments, respectfully ask that the "time for completion of the same may be extended

"to November 1, 1887. Sylvester & Rowe."

And it was

Voted, That the time for the completion of the Neptune Road Bridge abutments be extended to Nov. 1. 1887.

Executive Circular No. 18, was received and read.

The Chairman stated that he had replied to the Mayor as required by the Ordinances.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, Sept. 12. 1887.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at the office of the Chairman of the Board at 1.30 P.M. Present messrs Dean and Maguire. Mr. Andrew being absent in Europe, also present Mr. E. F. Howe;-

Voted, that Maurice R. Bain and Edward H. Page, discharged soldiers, be appointed Park Policemen; and that they be detailed for duty at the Charles River Embankment.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston September 16. 1887.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioned was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present Mess. Dean & Maguire. Mr. Andrew being absent in Europe, also present Mess. F. L. Olmsted, City Engineer, Jackson and Mr. Howe.

The report of the Sergeant of Police for the week ending September 12th was read, also reports of

Sept. 16. 1887.

Special officer Kennedy of September 15, and Mrs. Jennham of September 13.

Mr. Howe presented the following bids obtained by him for paving gutters at Franklin Park.

Albert A. Libby & Co.	50 cts. per sq. yd.
H. Gove & Co.	43 " " " "
Payson & Co.	40 " " " "
Fred S. Gove.	30 " " " "

And it was

Voted: that the bid of Fred S. Gove be accepted, and that the Secretary notify him of the same, the work to be done according to the specifications and to the satisfaction of the City Engineer.

The following communication was received from a committee of the Boston Society of Natural History in regard to establishing Zoological gardens and Aquaria in the Public Parks, which was referred to Mr. Olmsted for suggestions for a reply:

"To the Honorable, the Park Commissioners:-

"The Boston Society of Natural History has long had in view a considerable extension of its public service and now begs leave to lay before the Park Commissioners an outline of its plans for the immediate future, in which it respectfully asks for their cooperation.

"The Museum of the Society, established in 1830 and now open to all, free at certain times (and at others by payment of a small fee), has been built up from the first with special reference to the public benefit, and with the distinct understanding that it shall be forever auxiliary to the general scheme of public state and municipal education. Within the last score of years it has still further developed this idea by establishing a special "New England collection" of animals, plants and minerals; and while abating in no respect the privileges of the general public, has secured by private munificence, the close

"contact with the Museum and its collections, of hundreds
"of the public school teachers of Boston and vicinity,
"by means of practical exercises (with specimens of consid-
"erable value given away to all) and instruction under
"the ablest direction, on successive Saturday afternoons.

"The Society is anxious, however, to do still more,
"and therefore invokes the aid of the Park Commissioners
"in a scheme which will enable it to offer to the people
"of Boston opportunities at present wanting in all New
"England, viz:-

"By a system of animal gardens, aquaria, etc.,
"to offer ~~if~~ opportunities to observe under conditions
"as nearly natural as possible, the broad features of
"the animal and plant life of this country.

"Furthermore the plan calls for attention, primarily and
"especially, to the fauna of New England both land
"and marine, including its indigenous quadrupeds,
"birds, reptiles, fishes, molluscks, crustacea, &c., under
"conditions — not too restricted — such as will facilitate
"public observation of their habits, their native environ-
"ments, their behaviour at different times, their
"breeding peculiarities, and the rearing of their young.

"The urgent need of such opportunities is proven
"by the fact that no where nearer than New York
"City can anything of the kind proposed be found.

"And it is to be borne in mind that with the
"increase of population, and concomitant decrease
"of the indigenous wild animals: above all with the
"modern excessive growth of city-life, the percentage of
"City children (and hence of all) who may ever hope to see,
"still less to observe at their leisure, the living objects
"of their native state or country is rapidly growing
"less. At the same time, the importance of
"such observation and study, instead of decreasing
"in like proportion, is greatly enhanced. To the
"country boy it is of comparatively little moment
"whether he observes this bird or plant, or that, since
"he has, usually definate ideas of all, drawn from

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"~~from~~ frequent observation of many. But to the City
"lad it is of the utmost consequence that he shall be
"able to correct his less definite ideas — formed for
"the most part by hear-say, by books, or by pictures —
"by observation of the object itself.

"Second only to its educational importance is the value of
"the scheme in supplying to all classes an outlet for their
"natural and praise-worthy curiosity, a vast store of
"innocent and healthy amusement, never failing recreation
"and diversion, such as natural-history parks and
"aquaria always offer."

"It appears therefore to the undersigned that it is
"not only eminently fitting and proper but even
"imperative for the metropolis of New England to
"promote the establishment and control of animal
"gardens, aquaria, etc., by the Boston Society of Natural
"History, since these will certainly not be duplicated
"in New England, will be in trustworthy hands,
"giving them an acknowledged scientific character;
"and being unique in New England will be resorted
"to by visitors from far and near."

"Any such plan demands at the start a
"considerable area of land within easy distance of the
"thickly inhabited parts of the city. No land of suffi-
"cient extent, has been found in the vicinity of Boston,
"at all available for such a purpose, excepting what is
"under the charge of the Park Commissioners, and it is
"for this reason that the Committee brings these plans to
"their attention".

"It is the purpose of the Society, if the Park Commis-
"sioners shall express their approval of the general
"plan (which the Committee will lay more fully before
"them, if desired). and shall signify their readiness to
"place in the charge of the Natural History Society
"such parcels of land as may be available and
"suitable for the purpose, to lay these out in an at-
"tractive manner, to stock them with animals, and
"to establish aquaria for such creatures as inhabit

"the adjacent fresh and salt waters, with basins of
"considerable size for the larger marine animals; and,
"eventually, to furnish the visitor with such guides as will
"enable him to understand easily the objects he is to see".

"The Society furthermore stands ready to open the
"grounds and aquaria to the public at certain times
"free on reasonable conditions, reserving only the right
"to provide for the proper maintenance of the estab-
"lishment by charging an admission fee at other times".

"It is in no way intended to inaugurate or
"carry out the plan as in any sense a commercial
"enterprize, but only to insure its perpetual support
"and improvement by appealing to a natural and
"healthful interest in living objects."

"The committee is confident that the general plan
"must commend itself to the Park Commissioners, not
"only as legitimately within the scope of their powers,
"but as fully accordant with the purposes for which
"the parks were established by the city, and in no
"small measure supplementary to the plans already
"undertaken for entertaining and instructing the people".

"W. D. Ross, Chairman
"H. P. Bowditch.
"Thos. T. Bouvé.
"John Cummings.
"Alpheus Hyatt.
"Edward Burgess.
"Wm T. Sedgwick.
"Sam'l. H. Scudder Secy.

} Committee of the Council of the Boston Society of Natural History.

"Dr. C. S. Minot, the other member
"of the committee is absent in
"Europe."

"Boston, Sept. 12. 1887."

Geo. F. Clarke
Sec'y.

Boston, Sept. 30. 1887.

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners fixed for to day was postponed to Friday Oct. 7. no quorum being present. Mr. Andrew being absent in Europe and Mr. Maguire being otherwise engaged, Mr. Dean and Mess Olmsted & Stone were present.

Mr. Olmsted reported the following suggestions for reply to the communication of a committee of the Boston Society of Natural History" which were read

(The communication was thereupon signed by the chairman who directed it to be sent to Mr. Maguire, for his signature, and then to the Committee. See Letter Book. P. 468).

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"To Messrs.
" W. D. Ross.
" A. P. Bowditch.
" Thos. J. Bouve.
" John Cummings.
" Alpheus Hyatt.
" Edward Burgess.
" Wm. T. Sedgwick
" and Saml. Scudder
" Committee of the council of the Boston Society
" of Natural History.

" Gentlemen.

"The Park Commissioners are glad to learn from your communication, of the 12th inst. that the Boston Society of "Natural History is inclined to extend its present "means of usefulness by providing and maintaining collections of living animals and that preliminary to the preparation of a definate "scheme" for the purpose it wishes to be informed "of the views of the Commissioners on the subject.

"The Commissioners have considered that such "collections are a part of the proper scientific and "educational equipment of a modern City;

"that, as customarily made in the form of
"Zoological Gardens, a considerable body of land
"is required: that the difficulty of obtaining suitable
"land conveniently situated has hitherto been the principle
"obstacle to a satisfactory scheme for providing them for
"Boston.

"The Commissioners have learned that the larger number
"of existing collections of the class in view have had
"their beginning at least, in Societies formed for the
"purpose of establishing them, on the footing of joint
"stock commercial undertakings.

"Originating with a
"few active naturalists, or men of special tastes, a
"large element of the success of these enterprises is
"understood to lie in the extensive distribution of
"their stock among all classes of the people of the
"towns benefitted. Ghent for instance, when its
"Zoological Garden of 13 acres was begun had less
"than a third of the population of Boston and was
"slowly recovering from a great labor from its earlier
"prosperity in trade, but the Society taking up the
"scheme soon numbered 4000 stockholders, the
"greater number of whom became active agents in se-
"curing the success of the undertaking. The society
"at Antwerp bought land in 1843 with a capital
"raised in the same manner, of $20.000. In a
"few years it was able to buy additional land
"and from time to time since has enlarged its oper-
"ations, the latest important addition to its plant
"being an extensive and exceedingly interesting and
"beautiful aquarium. Members of this Society pay
"an initiation fee of $4. and an annual fee of $6.
"The charge for admission to the garden for others
"than members is 20 cents.

"Another class of such collections is establish-
"ed and supported by funds drawn from public
"treasuries administered directly by agents of govern-
"ment, much as are the funds for the public library

"and for public schools in Boston. The Collection
"connected with the Jardin des Plantes in Paris and
"that in a corner of the Central Park of New York
"are of this class."

"A third class are managed by private corporations
"upon land leased to them by governments at a nominal
"rent on certain conditions. These conditions are
"usually the admission of the public to the collections
"on certain days of every week at a stipulated low
"charge or without charge: the free admission at
"certain other times of students and artists, and some
"guarantee that the proper scientific and educational
"objects of the collection shall not be sacrificed to con-
"siderations of immediate popularity and financial
"prosperity. Of this class, which may be termed that
"of the mixed methods, are well known examples in
"Paris, London, Dublin and Philadelphia. The leased
"land has been generally a part of an old government forest
"or of unproductive crown properties near the city."

"In no case known to the Commissioners has
"land taken from private possession by a city for a
"park been used for the purpose. — The land of
"the Philadelphia Zoological Garden though
"nominally taken for a park was really acquired
"by the City as a part of a series of measures for
"guarding its water supply."

"The Park Commissioners will stand opposed to any scheme under which the City of Boston
"could follow the example of New York in undertaking
"the direct management of a Zoological Collection.

"It is the conviction of the Commissioners that
"the more nearly the Department of Parks is limited
"to the definite duty of providing the people of the
"City with opportunities simply of rural recreation,
"unmixed with other methods of recreation, and of
"guarding the means under its control for this purpose
"from being encroached upon in efforts to further other
"ends, the better will its funds be administered"

"and the Public served."

"As to the independent joint Stock Company method
"of proceeding it is to be proposed in the judgement of
"the Commissioners only upon two conditions. First,
"that the corporation shall be so constituted that
"the object of a trivial popular success, of the order
"of a circus or travelling show corporation, shall be
"permanently held subordinate to that of promoting scien-
"tific investigations, scientific instruction and sound
"recreative popular education in natural History;
"Second, that the corporation shall be able to procure
"and hold land suitable to all the requirements of
"health and the satisfactory display of its intended
"collections, in sufficient quantity and conveniently
"situated."

"With regard to this latter condition the
"Park Commissioners consider that Boston presents
"circumstances of unusual difficulty. Its territory
"is greatly divided by bodies of water and marsh
"and its dry land by rocky ridges. Growing
"rapidly the city is for this reason extending
"itself in a very scattered way: ground naturally
"adapted to be built upon in its suburbs being
"seized upon and occupied much in advance of
"the spreading area of compact blocks.

"It is improbable that a corporation seeking to
"establish a Zoological Garden of the ordinary
"type could now obtain a satisfactory situation for
"it except at a price constituting a financial burden
"upon the enterprise too heavy to be carried.
"There has been nothing corresponding with the
"conditions of Boston in this respect in the old
"Dutch and Flemish towns where the independ-
"dant and popular joint Stock corporation
"method of obtaining Zoological Gardens has had its
"greatest success."

"At the same time the Commissioners suggest that in
"turning to the mixed method the advantage"

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"which has been secured in these cases by
"gaining the active Cooperation of a large number
"of small stock-holders should not be lost sight
"of."

"The Commissioners having in view the consid-
"erations that have been recited, drawing to the
"Conclusion that only by the method in which the
"City would provide land to be occupied at a
"nominal rent for a series of years to a suitable Corpo-
"ration, is the end in view likely to be accomplished
"have been led to reflect as follows:1/ As it is much
"better in a matter of this kind that a limited under-
"taking should be carried out with artistic complete-
"ness, finish and moral effect, than a much broader
"undertaking in a poor, mean, makeshift driving
"and slovenly way adequate precaution against the
"City's becoming committed to any enterprize liable to be
"of the latter Character, is the first duty of those
"who act in its behalf. 2/ A primal condition of
"high success at reasonable cost in a collection
"limited to almost any division of the animal
"Kingdom is that the ground it is to occupy shall
"be specially suited to it."

13/ "Examining all the territory under their super-
"vision which could be considered available for
"the purpose the Commissioners have been satisfied
"that all the conditions which would go to make
"up a perfect site for a complete Zoological Gar-
"den exist nowhere in Connecticut association. For
"a considerable part of a complete collection such
"conditions are to be found upon the twenty acres
"of land which the Commissioners have placed
"in reserve at the north end of the outer division
"of Franklin Park. Because of its sheltered south
"western exposure, its excellent drainage, its fine
"local, natural features, its charming distant outlook:
"its position relatively to the most popular features
"of the intended park, its situation between the

"and the central parts of the City and its accessibility
"it is an ideal site for the more popularly interesting
"elements of a limited collection such as is suggested in
"your communication. But for a complete Zoological
"Garden it is far from being all that is to be desired."

"Pursuing the general line of reflection thus sug-
"gested, the Commissioners have seen that there must
"be a question of the balance of advantages between an
"attempt to bring together on one piece of ground
"all collections which the City should undertake to
"promote, or to provide for a division of them. The
"drift of the Commissioners judgement heretofore has
"been toward the conclusion which appears from
"your communication to have been independently
"approved by the Society of Natural History and
"they have accordingly had provisionally in view
"in addition to the reservation already made
"north of Franklin Park, two others. One of them
"would be upon the sea shore at City Point, and
"would supply not only a site for an Aquarium
"of the ordinary type found in the largest Zoolog-
"ical Gardens of Europe, but an arm of the sea
"perhaps quarter of a mile in length, the waters of
"which though enclosed would be moved by the flood
"and ebb of the tide." "The other would be a part of
"the valley below Jamaica Pond, in which there
"would be an abundance of flowing fresh water
"and all desirable advantages for rivulets and
"pools, forming suitable breeding places for aquatic
"birds and other desiderata."

"Realizing the disadvantages of such a division
"the Commissioners have nevertheless considered that
"experience has shown it not to be impracticable."-
"That there are for instance, successful aquaria in
"Europe that have been established independently of
"general Zoological Gardens, and that there are Zoolog-
"ical Gardens containing no aquaria; that the Zoolo-
"logical Society of London for many years maintained

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"a collection of certain classes of living birds,
"larger, finer, and better displayed than those of
"either of the two general Zoological Gardens.

"The Commissioners have considered that it might
"be an open question whether a seperate organization
"for each of the suggestive division would be desirable
"rather than a single corporation, but will regard it
"a fortunate circumstance if the Natural History Society
"is prepared to undertake the entire business on a
"sufficiently strong basis".

"The Commissioners believe that they
"have thus sufficiently defined their position but in
"conclusion desire to emphasize two points.

"First: in any negociation in which they may
"engage in behalf of the city looking to a lease of
"lands for the purpose in question, the Commissioners
"will wish to have before them a well defined plan of
"what is to be undertaken with evidence that the
"proposed lessees are prepared to carry it out and
"sustain it in such a manner that whether little or
"much, is set about, the result shall surely be, of
"its kind, inferior to none.

"Second: It should be clearly understood that
"the funds now at command, or prospectively at command
"of the Commissioners are to be used for carrying out
"schemes of improvement which had been adopted before
"the city was authorized to obtain these funds.

"The preparation of ground for Zoological
"Collections was no part of these schemes and the
"Commissioners will entertain no proposition looking
"to a diversion of it. present means to that purpose."

(Afterward signed Benj: Dean, Patrick Maguire } Board of Park Commissioners.
and forwarded according to direction.)

Geo. F. Clarke
Sec.

Boston Oct. 7. 1887.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present mess. Dean & Maguire, Mr. Andrew being absent in Europe. Also present Messrs Jackson & Storer.

The records of the meetings of August 12th Sept. 9th 12th & 16th were read and approved. Also read reports of the Sergeant of Police of Sept. 19th 26th & Oct 3d Special officer Connolly's reports of Sept. 22d 29th & Oct. 6th and Mrs. Sennihan's reports of Sept. 21st 28th & Oct. 6th

The following order was received.

"City of Boston, In Common Council

"Sept. 22. 1887.

"Ordered: That the heads of all department
" be requested to continue the half holiday Saturday
" to their employés, whose services can be dispensed
" with, during the winter months. Passed. Sent
" up for concurrence. In Board of Aldermen, Oct. 3. 1887,
" Concurred. Approved by the Mayor, Oct. 5. 1887

"A true copy.

"Attest J. H. O'Neil, City Clerk."

And Mr. Storer was directed to ascertain and report what other City Departments intended doing about it.

Also received the following order.

"City of Boston,

"In Common Council Sept. 8. 1887

"Ordered: That the Park Commissioners be re-
" quested to provide that the laborers at work for
" the department of public parks, and especially
" those engaged on the construction of Franklin
" Park and upon others of the system, be employed
" by the day and not by the hour, and that they
" be paid two dollars a day the same as other City
" laborers: and that when they are ordered to report
" for work, and they so report, they shall be

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"entitled to at least half a day's pay.
"Passed, sent up for concurrence.
"In Board of Aldermen, Sept. 19, 1887. Concurred.
"Approved by the acting Mayor Sept. 22. 1887.
"A true copy. Attest: J. H O'Neil.
City Clerk."

A letter referring to the order was also received from Councilman Jas. B. Gomez, which was read and placed on file.

Voted: that the City Treasurer be requested to allow and pay to the bearer John Myers the amounts due Matthew Kenney, deceased, on pay rolls of this Department, said John Myers being a brother in Law of the deceased Kenney and he agreeing to use it towards paying the funeral expenses.

Geo. H. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Voted: that the Engineer in charge be authorized at his discretion to discontinue work earlier at night, as the season advances, without loss of pay to the men.

Voted: that the Engineer in charge be authorized to place a bell on the Williams House, Franklin Park.

Voted: that the Engineer in charge be instructed to lay brick sidewalks from the Boylston Entrance to Commonwealth Avenue Bridge.

Geo. H. Clarke
Sec'y.

Boston, Oct. 21. 1887.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 a.m. Present Messrs Dean & Maguire. Mr. Andrew being absent in Europe. Also present Mr. J. C. Olmsted, City Engineer Jackson, and Mr. Howe. The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

The reports of the Sergeant of Police for the weeks ending Oct. 9th & 16th were read, also reports of Special Officer Connolly of Oct. 13th & 20th and Mrs. Tennihan's report of Oct. 12th.

The following proposals for furnishing loam for the Charles River Embankment were received and opened in the presence of Mr. Dever of the Mayor's office and some of the bidders.

Charles Linnehan	10.000 Cu. yds.	@ $1.22	per cu. yd.
C. E. Harden, guaranteed by C. E. Raymond.	1,000 " "	1.37 "	" "
Edmond H. Pearson, guaranteed by C. E. Raymond.	1.000 " "	1.40 "	" "
James J. Coleman.	10 000 " "	1.39 "	" "
Thomas F. Maney.	10.000 " "	1.50 "	" "
Thomas White.	10.000 " "	1.70 "	" "
Patk. J. Curley and John Gallivan	1.000 " "	1.74 "	" "
David Hall.	10 000 " "	2.35 "	" "
Hugh Nawn	500 to 10 000 " "	3.50 "	" "

The matter was taken under advisement & it was

Voted, that the Engineer in charge cause an examination to be made of the loam proposed to be furnished by the lowest bidder and report at the next meeting of the Board.

Executive Circular No. 19 relating to the Saturday half holiday was received and read and Mr. Howe was directed to further ascertain what action other Departments intended taking in the matter.

Voted, that the giving of the usual vacations to

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the Engineering force be left to the discretion of the Engineer in charge, the time to be fixed so as not to interfere with the work.

Mr. Howe stated that more stone was required for the roads at the Back Bay than was contracted for.

It was thereupon

Voted, that the Engineer in charge be authorized to purchase not exceeding 1500 tons of stone for the Back Bay roads.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, Oct. 28. 1887.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present Mess. Dean, Maguire & Andrew. also present Mess. Jackson, Howe, & J. C. Olmsted. The record of the last meeting was read and approved, also read Report of the Sergeant of Police for week ending Oct. 23, and Special Officer Connolly's report of Oct. 27.

Mr. Howe reported in regard to the cost and desirability of a steam drill for use at Franklin Park, and the Purchasing Agent was authorized to procure the same.

Mr. Howe reported that Mr. Linehan had been unable to show him the loam proposed to be furnished for the Charles River Embankment because he had not yet secured it, but expected to get it from several places. It was thereupon -

Voted: that the proposal of Charles Linehan for 10.000 cubic yards of loam at $1.22 per cubic yard be accepted that the contract be drawn to make the quality of the loam to be satisfactory to the City Engineer, that a certified check of

$3000 be required to be deposited with the Department as a guarantee for the proper carrying out of the contract, and that the Chairman be authorized to approve and sign the contract.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, November 2. 1887.

A Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 12.30 P. M. Present messrs Dean, Maguire, and Andrew.

The following order was received:

"City of Boston, In Board of Aldermen, Oct. 24. 1887.

"Ordered:- That in part payment for their services, "all city employes, whose services can be dispensed "with, be allowed holidays on the days of the State "and Municipal elections, without loss of pay.

"Passed: sent down for concurrence.

"Oct. 27. Came up concurred,

"Approved by the Mayor, Oct. 29. 1887.

"A true copy. Attest: J. H. O'Neil.
City Clerk"

Mr. Dean reported that he had attended a meeting of heads of departments at the Mayor's office when the order, had been discussed, and on his motion it was

Voted, that the employes of the Department be allowed without loss of pay to report at 9 A.M. on Election day excepting in those instances where the Engineer in charge thinks best to allow time to vote later in the day.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, Nov. 11. 1887.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present, Mess. Dean, Maguire & Andrew - also present Mess. Jackson, Rowe, & J.C. Olmsted.

The records of the meetings of Oct. 28d & Nov. 2 were read and approved.

The following was received.

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To the Hon. the Board of Park Commissioners,
City of Boston.

Benj. Dean.
Patrick Maguire.
John F. Andrew.

Gentlemen

I hereby respectfully ask an extension of time for the completion of the contract, for building the Abutments and Piers for Agassiz Road Bridge at Back Bay Park. to December 15th 1887. Respectfully Yours

Thomas A. Rowe,
Contractor.

And it was

Voted, that the time for the completion of the Contract for the abutments and piers for Agassiz Bridge be extended to December 15, 1887.

The meeting was adjourned to 3 P.M. to afford an opportunity of conferring with the Corporation Counsel concerning several matters requiring legal opinions.

The Board convened again at 3 P.M. all being present including the Corporation Counsel, when a consultation was held.

Geo. H. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, Nov. 12. 1887.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11 A.M. Present Mess. Dean, Maguire and Andrew, also present, Mess. E. W. Howe and J. C. Crosby. The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

Mr. Howe stated that the buildings belonging to E. B. Jamo & Co. at the Charles River Embankment were directly in the way of the work now being done, and that the land occupied by the Paving Department was also needed immediately. It was thereupon

Voted, that the Paving Department be notified to vacate immediately and remove its buildings from the land occupied by it at the Charles River Embankment.

Voted, that the Engineer in Charge be authorized to clear the ground and remove all obstructions to the work at the Charles River Embankment and complete the grading as soon as possible.

A communication was addressed to the Corporation Counsel, see letter-book # 3. p. 488.

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Sec'y.

Boston November 16. 1887.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 1 P.M. Present, Mess. Dean and Maguire, all having been notified. Mr. Howe was also present.

Voted, that the men suspended from work at the Arnold Arboretum be transfered to other parks under the direction of the Engineer in Charge.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, Nov. 18. 1887.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30. A. M. Present Mess. Dean, Maguire & Andrew, also present Mess. E. W. Howe, and F. L. Olmsted.

The records of meetings of Nov. 12 & 16th were read & approved

The reports of the Sergeant of Police for weeks ending Oct. 30 Nov. 6 & 13 were read, also Special Officer Connolly's reports of Nov. 3. & 17 and Mrs. Tennihan's report of Nov. 3.

A communication was received from the Oak Hill Granite Company asking for an extension of time in which to complete its contract, and was referred to Mr. Howe:

The following communication from Mr. Galvin was received and referred to Mr. Olmsted for reply:

"City of Boston. Home of Paupers.
"Long and Rainsford Island.
"Boston Harbor, Nov. 17 1887.

"Park Commissioners

"Gents.

"On the corner of Morton & Elicott "Streets, Large quantities of Rock Maple has grown "up spontaneously if, there is no objection, I should "like to have some of them as at some future day I "should like to see this Island dotted with good "Specimen trees. Yours &c, John Galvin Supt."

Voted, that the Commissioners of the West Boston Bridge be notified to vacate the lands occupied by them at the Charles River Embankment and to remove their buildings immediately, the work of Construction being so far advanced as to require the ground.

Voted, that there be purchased of Francis Malley for the purposes of a public park two parcels of land with the buildings thereon, situated on the westerly side of Dorner st. in the City of Boston, containing 3000 □ feet each, and shown on a "plan of a part of Proposed Muddy River Improvement drawn by Alexis H.

Branch & E. dated Sept. 1, 1887, on file at the office of this Board, and that there be paid to said Francis Malley the sum of Five thousand dollars upon his giving a deed for the same, satisfactory to the City Solicitor, containing the limitation for said purposes; and that the Chairman sign a request on the Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Muddy River Improvement, ~~Attest: Jos. F. Clarke Secy~~ ~~To the Auditor of Accounts~~:

~~In conformity with the above vote, I request that~~ a ~~special draft be made as therein set forth~~.

A reply from the Corporation Counsel was received to the letter of this Board of November 12th last, and it was,

Voted, that both the letter and reply and the copy of record sent him be spread upon the records.

Department of Parks, City of Boston
Board of Commissions 85 Dock St.
November 12, 1887.

"S. J. Nelleton Esq,
"Corporation Counsel:
Sir:

"The Board of Park "Commissioners acting upon your opinion given "to our Secretary, and upon a similar opinion given "during your absence in Europe to the Chairman of the Board "by the City Solicitor, that it was its right and duty "to go forward with the construction of the driveways "in the Arnold Arboretum without regard to the limit "of $75.000 mentioned in the indenture of lease between "the City of Boston and Harvard College, have expend- "ded in the construction of the said roads a sum "considerably in excess of said $75.000, a part of "which is upon the reservations "A & B." hereinafter "mentioned. Said expenditure in excess of the said "amount, however, has been since the enactment of "Chapter 304 of the Acts of 1886, and from the funds

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"provided thereby.

"This letter is written to ascertain whether "your opinion and advice continue as above expressed. "The reason for the enquiry is that I understood you "to express yesterday doubts upon a similar question. "If your judgement does not now accord with that "which you have heretofore given to our Secretary, I "would like your opinion and advice as to whether "the expenditures on driveways within the reservations "'A & B' of said indenture are to be reckoned as "parts of said $75.000."

"In further elucidation of the position "of this question as it stands with this Department a "copy of that portion of our records bearing upon it, "is herewith enclosed".

"Respectfully Yours,
"Benj. Dean.
"Chairman,

The records refered to will be found on pp. 56, 57 & 58 of this book

"Boston, Nov. 17. 1887."

"Respectfully returned. I see no reason to alter, "or add to, what I have heretofore said upon this "subject. I do not understand the reference to a "'similar question' upon which I am understood to have "expressed doubts, and can only remind you of the legal "maxim 'Nullum simile est idem'.

"S. P. Nettleton
"Corporation Counsel."

Geo. F. Clarke.
Sec'y.

Boston Nov. 20. 1887.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30, A. M. Present, Mess. Dean, Maguire, & Andrew. Also present Messrs Olmsted and Hare. The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

Mr. Charles Sargent, Director of the Arnold Arboretum came to consult with the Board in regard to the work to be done on the Arboretum

The following order was received:

"City of Boston.

"In Board of Aldermen, Nov. 14. 1887.

"Ordered:

"That in the settlements of the suits pending "between the City of Boston and the Boston & Roxbury "Mill Corporation, on account of the taking of a "parcel of its land for a park at the Back Bay, & "the assessment of betterments for the location and "laying out of said park, the Board of Park Commis- "sioners, be hereby authorized to take, by purchase or "otherwise, and include in said park, two additional "strips of land, fifty feet in width, running from "Beacon St. to Charles River, adjoining and on either "side of said parcel of land, and pay for the same "with said betterments, or a part thereof: and the City "Solicitor is hereby authorized to allow judgment to be "entered accordingly."

"Ordered:

"That His Honor the Mayor be hereby author- "ized to release to the Boston & Roxbury Mill Corpo- "ration any rights that the City may have to make any "additional sluiceways through lands bordering on "the Mill-dam, now or formerly owned by said Corpo- "ration except through lands now or hereafter owned "by the City of Boston.

"Passed. Sent down for concurrence."

"In Common Council, Nov. 17. 1887" Concurred."

"Approved by the Mayor. Nov. 21, 1887. A true copy,

"Attest: John J. Priest asst. City Clerk."

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and it was,

Voted; That the Boston & Roxbury Mill Corporation having given to the City deeds & releases, satisfactory to the City Solicitor, of the lands and flats northerly of Beacon street, and between the line of the easterly side of Ipswich Street and the line of the westerly side of Jersey Street both extended to the Channel of Charles river, the City Solicitor be authorized to have judgment entered for said Corporation in the sum of twenty-two thousand seventy-three & 16/100 dollars, in its suit for damages for taking the land described in the taking made from said Corporation December 27. 1879. for park purposes, and to have verdicts of no betterment entered in the betterment petitions of said Corporation. (Book 2536)

Geo. F. Clarke, Sec'y.

Boston, Nov. 28. 1887.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present Mess. Dean, Maguire and Andrew. Mr. Bailey City Solicitor was also present to consult in regard to the deeds from the Boston & Roxbury Mill Corporation.

The matter of procuring a supply of the stone for the Back Bay roads was left to the Chairman.

Voted, that the City Engineer report upon the location, grades, and estimated cost of the unfinished roads in the Arnold Arboretum, and how they can be best built with reference to the planting.

Geo. F. Clarke, Sec'y.

Boston December 2 1887.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present mess. Dean, Maguire, and Andrew. The records of the meetings of Nov. 25th & 28th were read and approved.

Also present mess. Olmsted & Howe.

Mr. James Pope appeared before the Board in reference to the value of the land proposed for a public park at Milton Lower Mills & presented a schedule of the same which was placed on file.

Mr. Mitchell, managing director of the Oak Hill Granite Co. came before the Board to ask for an extension of time in which to complete its contract for 190,000 paving blocks for the Back Bay Improvement. He stated the progress made by the Company under its contract and the present condition of affairs, substantially as set forth in his letter of November 17, 1887. The 15000 blocks on the way, he expected to arrive this week.

Mr. Howe reported that the Department needed 25.000 blocks at once to complete what work could be done this year, and the balance early in the Spring next year earlier than they could possibly get them from Belfast Me. Mr. Howe further said that about 5000 blocks on the ground in places where they were not now needed might be carted by the contractor to other places to temporarily help out the delivery.

Mr. Mitchell was therefore told that the Board would expect him to complete the delivery of the entire quantity immediately, otherwise it would be obliged to buy the paving blocks elsewhere and charge the Oak Hill Granite Co. the difference.

The Chairman reported that he had authorized the Engineer in charge to purchase not exceeding 1100 tons of crushed stone for the Back Bay roads, and to advertise for proposals for 6000 tons of stone for the crusher.

The Chairman also reported that he had not made

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an application to the Harbor & Land Commissioners for a license to fill flats at the Marine Park awaiting a settlement of the question whether any compensation in any event should be claimed for the filling being done by Lawley and Son. They having got the consent of the Harbor & Land Commissioners to dump material within the Marine Park limits.

Voted, that the City Engineer prepare plans and specifications and advertise for proposals for the edgestones for the Marine Park adjoining 2 street.

Voted, that the City Engineer cause gas-pipes to be laid at the Marine Park as directed by Mr. Olmsted.

Voted, that the Engineer in charge put in order the roadway from Commonwealth Avenue up to the Beacon Entrance Bridge.

Voted, that the City Engineer prepare plans and specifications for Edgestones, and report the same and the number of paving-blocks required for the continuation of the work at the Back Bay during next season.

Voted, that the City Engineer arrange with the parties now dredging in Charles River or others to furnish the material for finishing the northerly end of the Charles River Embankment and as much further as practicable.

Voted, that the City Engineer prepare plans and specifications for a suitable ballustrade or parapet along the sea wall of the Charles River Embankment.

Mr. Olmsted was requested to report on the construction of the bridge at the Longwood Entrance Back Bay.

Voted, that the Superintendent and subforemen now or lately employed at the Arnold Arboretum be discharged when the work on the Arboretum is finished, and that the laborers be transfered to other parks, except that the sub-

foreman employed at the Marine Park be retained until the work at that place is completed.

Voted, that the special police officers under pay at Franklin Park be discharged.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston Dec. 6, 1887

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 12. M. Present Mess. Dean, Maguire, & Andrew.

Proposals were received under the advertisement for furnishing 6000 tons of broken stone for the Department in accordance with the form of Contract and specifications prepared by the City Engineer and approved by the Board, which were opened in presence of Mr. Dever from the Mayor's office and some of the bidders and were as follows:

Hugh Nawn	$ 1.25 per ton
Mark Wilmarth & James Killian	1.26 " "
Patrick Grace	1.23 " "

Voted, that the Contract for 6000 tons of broken stone, be awarded to Patrick Grace, the lowest bidder, at $ 1.23 cts. per ton; and that the Chairman be authorized to approve the bond and sign the Contract.

Voted, that the amount of the bond be fixed at $ 3000.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, December 9, 1887.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its Office at 11.30 A. M.

Present Messrs Dean, Maguire & Andrew.

Also present Messrs. Olmsted, Jackson & Howe.

The records of the last two meetings were read and approved.

Reports of the Sergeant of Police dated Nov. 21-28 and December 5th were read, also reports of Special Officer Connolly of Nov. 23. and Dec. 1.

The City Engineer reported that he had arranged with Boynton Bros. to furnish the material required to grade the northerly end of the Charles River Embankment at 40 cts. per ton, or 60 cts. per cubic yard allowing 1½ tons to the yard measured in the lighters, subject to the approval of the Board. It was thereupon

Voted, that the Engineer in charge be authorized to procure not exceeding 3300 cubic yards of gravel filling to grade the gymnasium grounds on the Charles River Embankment at 60 cts. per cubic yard, allowing 1½ tons to the yard, the measurement to be satisfactory to the Engineer in charge.

Voted, that the Engineer in charge erect fences along the line of the Charles River Embankment where required to completely enclose the same.

Voted, that the Engineer in charge purchase sufficient stone to supply the crusher untill the contractor has begun the delivery of the 6000 tons lately contracted for.

Voted, that the men employed on the public parks be allowed, without loss of pay, to quit work at 12 o'clock M. on the day of the Municipal Election to afford time to vote.

Voted, that the West End Street Railway Company be notified to remove the waiting room of said Company, now standing on the

Franklin Park lands.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, Dec. 16, 1887.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A. M.

Present Mess. Dean & Maguire all having been duly notified. Also present Mess. Olmsted, Jackson & Howe, and mess. Dove Burrell and Brady, Street Commissioners.

The record of the last meeting was read & approved.

The report of the Sergeant of Police of Dist. 12. and special officer Connolly's report of Dec. 10 were read.

A consultation with the Street Commissioners was had relative to the laying out of Ipswich and Jersey streets, so called by the Park Commissioners as a part of the park system in case of there being no legal obstacle in the way, which was consented to by the Street Commissioners. They also stated that there would be no objection on the part of the Street Commissioners to the placing of that part of Commonwealth Avenue between West Chester Park and Beacon St. set in the middle of the [illegible] Department when the Council so order.

It was thereupon

Voted, that the opinion of the Corporation Counsel be obtained upon the question whether the Board can take and lay out Ipswich and Jersey streets for a public park without invalidating the deed to the city of these parcels of land for street purposes, or render the city liable for damages on account of such taking while the same are continued as open ways, said streets not having been

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laid out by the Street Commissioners; also on the question as to whether the placing of Commonwealth Avenue between West Chester Park and Beacon Streets in the charge of the Park Department by an order of the City Council would enable the Commissioners to police the same, and regulate the use thereof by establishing rules thereof as in the parks regularly laid out by the Board, said Avenue having been laid out by the Street Commissioners as a public way.

The City Engineer stated that he thought it would be necessary to make additional excavation and filling at the bottom of the piles of the Marine Park pier in order to give greater bearing surface to sustain the weight of the structure. He submitted the following order to the Contractors which was approved and signed by the Board subject to the approval of the Mayor:

"Boston Dec. 16. 1887.

Builders Iron Foundry.

" Providence, R.I.

Gentlemen:- You are hereby requested to do such additional excavation and concrete filling at bottoms of Marine Park Pier piles as may be directed by City Engineer. The cost of same to be paid for as extra work.

Yours respectfully Bd. of Park Commissioners

(signed) By Benj. Dean Jr. Chmn.

(Approved by Mayor

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Voted, That the Chairman approve the final estimate under the contract for building the abutments for Bridge at Wood Island Park, notwithstanding the time limit in said Contract.

Voted, That the City Engineer prepare plans and specifications for the bridge to connect Neptune

road with Wood Island Park.

The following was received:

"Executive Department,
"December 14, 1887.

"To Park Commissioners,

"Sir: Please give me a brief state-
"ment of facts of the work done in your depart-
"ment the past year, and its wants prospect-
"ively, for the inaugural.

"I would like it the last of this week, as
"the time is short to prepare address.

"Yours truly, Hugh O'Brien,
Mayor."

and a reply sent, see letter book No. 3 pp. 512-517.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, Dec. 23, 1887.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A. M. Present Messrs. Dean, Maguire and Andrew, also present Messrs. Olmsted and Kent.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

The following communication received from the Corporation Counsel was read and placed on file.

"Boston, December 20, 1887.

"To the Board of Park Commissioners.

Gentlemen:

"Referring to the
"questions submitted for my opinion by your vote
"of the 16th inst., I have to say in answer to the
"first, that no action which the Board may
"take will invalidate the deed to the parcels of

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"land therein referred to, nor render the City
"liable for damages. I am obliged to answer
"the second question in the negative. Under
"section three, ch. 185 of the Acts of 1875, the Board
"may appoint a police force "to act in such
"parks", that is, in the parks laid out by the Board
"under authority of that statute. The phrase
"to police the same", as used in this question,
"means, I understand, to appoint a police force to
"act in the same. I do not think that any
"order of the City Council can have the effect
"of enlarging the power of the Board in regard
"to the appointment of police. Nor do I think
"that the city Council can give to the Board power
"to regulate the use of an avenue which has been
"laid out by the Street Commissioners as a public
"way.

Very respectfully,
E. P. Wheelon,
Corporation Counsel."

Mr. Howe stated that owing to the extra weight of the material delivered at the embankment, his estimate had fallen short of the amount required, and that it would need at least $600. worth of additional material. It was thereupon

Voted: that the Engineer in charge purchase not exceeding 3300 cubic yards of gravel filling for grading the Charles River Embankment or as much thereof as can be delivered this season.

Mr. Howe stated that the Boston and Albany Railroad directors had passed a vote to allow the construction of a bridge across the railroad for the Parkman extension to Bacon Street in the following form.

"Voted: that the President be and he hereby is
" empowered to grant to the City of Boston, for
" a nominal consideration, the right to build
" and maintain a bridge across the railroad

" location in connection with, and as a part
" of the parkway to be hereafter constructed by
" the Park Commissioners of said City: shown on
" a plan of "Proposed Parkway from Beacon Street
" to Riverdale Improvement" made by William
" Jackson, City Engineer, dated December 1, 1887,
" and to occupy so much of the railroad location
" for concluding and maintaining the abutments
" of said bridge as may be agreed to be necessary
" by said City Engineer, and the Engineer of the
" railroad Company, = provided, however, that the
" distance between the faces of the abutments meas-
" ured at a right angle to the location shall be
" seventy seven feet and the clear height between
" the rails and the bridge shall be fifteen
" feet."

The President's letter to Mr. Jackson is as follows:

" The Boston & Albany Railroad Co.
" Office of the President. Boston.
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" Dear Sir:

" The board passed the vote which
" you sent down last night substantially as
" it was written. The only change is in the
" last line but one: where you say "distance" we
" say clear height. By the word "distance"
" I suppose you intended to refer to the space
" between the top of the rail and the bottom of
" the bridge. Yours truly,
" (signed) " Wm. Alles."

Voted, that there be purchased of Emily E. Sears, Emily E. Sears 2d. David Sears and Helen F. Sears, for the purposes of a public park, a certain parcel of land on the Brookline Branch Railroad near Muddy River, in the City of Boston, containing 14. 635 square feet, more or less, and shown on a plan of a part of proposed Muddy

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River Improvement, drawn by Alexis H. French, Civil Engineer, dated Dec. 22. 1887. and on file in the office of the Park Commissioners, And that there be paid to the said Emily E. Sears, Emily E. Sears 2d. David Sears, and Henry F. Sears, the sum of Four thousand three hundred and ninety $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars upon their giving a deed of the same, satisfactory to the City Solicitor, containing a release of all grade damages to any grade required for the crossing of said railroad by a bridge, together with the right to build and maintain an abutment or wing wall upon their adjoining land where necessary for said bridge, and the limitation that the land shall be used only for the purposes of a public park, also an agreement that the City shall assume and pay all betterments that may be assessed upon their adjoining land in consequence of laying out said land for a public park: And that the Chairman sign a request on the Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment: said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Muddy River Improvement.

Voted, that there be purchased of Elizabeth G. Hoyt, for the purposes of a public park, one undivided tenth of a certain parcel of land on or near Muddy River in the City of Boston, containing 40.938 square feet, more or less, and being shown on a plan of a part of proposed Muddy River Improvement, drawn by Alexis H. French, Civil Engineer, dated Dec. 22. 1887. and on file in the office of the Park Commissioners: and that there be paid to the said Elizabeth G. Hoyt the sum of fourteen hundred and thirty two $\frac{83}{100}$ dollars. ($1432.83) upon her giving a deed of the same satisfactory to the City Solicitor containing a release of all grade damages to any grade required, for crossing the Brookline Branch Railroad by a bridge, and the limitation that the land shall

be used only for the purposes of a public park, also an agreement that the City shall assume and pay all betterments that may be assessed upon his other adjoining land in consequence of laying out said land for a public park; and that the Chairman sign a request on the Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Muddy River Improvement.

Voted, that there be purchased of Rufus Estabrook, for the purposes of a public park, two undivided tenths of a certain parcel of land on or near Muddy River, in the City of Boston, containing 40. 938 square feet, more or less, and being shown on a plan of a part of proposed Muddy River Improvement drawn by Alexis H. French, Civil Engineer, dated Dec. 22. 1887. and on file in the office of the Park Commissioners; and that there be paid to the said Rufus Estabrook, the sum of twenty eight hundred and sixty five 00/100 dollars upon his giving a deed of the same, satisfactory to the City Solicitor, containing a release of all grad damages to any grade required for crossing the Brookline Branch Railroad by a bridge, and the limitation that the land shall be used only for the purposes of a public park, also an agreement that the city shall assume and pay all betterments that may be assessed upon his other adjoining land in consequence of laying out said land for a public park; And that the Chairman sign a request on the Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Muddy River Improvement.

Voted, that there be purchased of George [illegible] Winthrop,

for the purposes of a public park, one undivided tenth of a certain parcel of land on or near Muddy River, in the City of Boston, containing 40.938 square feet, more or less, and being shown on a plan of a part of proposed Muddy River Improvement, drawn by Alexis H. French, Civil Engineer, dated Dec. 22, 1887, and on file in the office of the Park Commissioners; and that there be paid to the said J. P. Pinkham the sum of fourteen hundred and thirty two $\frac{83}{100}$ dollars upon his giving a deed of the same satisfactory to the City Solicitor containing a release of all grade damages to any grade required for crossing the Brookline Branch Railroad by a bridge, and the limitation that the land shall be used only for the purposes of a public park, also an agreement that the City shall assume and pay all betterments that may be assessed upon his other adjoining land in consequence of laying out said land for a public park; and that the chairman sign a request on the Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Muddy River Improvement.

Voted, that there be purchased of Mary H. Ames for the purposes of a public park, two undivided tenths of a certain parcel of land on or near Muddy River, in the City of Boston, containing 40.938 square feet, more or less, and being shown on a plan of a part of proposed Muddy River Improvement, drawn by Alexis H. French, Civil Engineer, dated Dec. 22. 1887, and on file in the office of the Park Commissioners: and that there be paid to the said Mary H. Ames, the sum of twenty eight hundred and sixty five $\frac{66}{100}$ dollars, upon her giving a deed of the

same satisfactory to the City Solicitor containing a release of all grade damages to any grade required for crossing the Brookline Branch Railroad by a bridge, and the limitation that the land shall be used only for the purposes of a public park also an agreement that the City shall assume and pay all betterments that may be assessed upon her other adjoining land in consequence of laying out said land for a public park; and that the Chairman sign a request on the Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Muddy River Improvement.

Voted, that there be purchased of James P. Ames, for the purposes of a public park, one undivided tenth of a certain parcel of land on or near Muddy River, in the City of Boston, containing 410. 938 square feet, more or less, and being shown on a plan of a part of proposed Muddy River Improvement, drawn by Alexis H. French, Civil Engineer, dated Dec. 22, 1887. and on file in the office of the Park Commissioners; and that there be paid to the said James P. Ames, the sum of fourteen hundred and thirty two & $\frac{83}{100}$ dollars, upon his giving a deed of the same, satisfactory to the City Solicitor, containing a release of all grade damages to any grade required for crossing the Brookline French Railroad by a bridge, and the limitation that the land shall be used only for the purposes of a public park, also an agreement that the City shall assume and pay all betterments that may be assessed upon his other adjoining land in consequence of laying out said land for a public park; And that the Chairman sign a request on the Auditor for a special draft in favor of

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said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Muddy River Improvement.

Voted, that there be purchased of Mary R. Pelton and Charles M. Cotting, Executors of the will of S. D. Pelton, for the purposes of a public park, two undivided tenths of a certain parcel of land on or near Muddy River in the City of Boston, containing 40,938 square feet, more or less, and being shown on a plan of a part of proposed Muddy River Improvement, drawn by Alexis H. French, Civil Engineer, dated Dec. 22, 1887, and on file in the office of the Park Commissioners; and that there be paid to the said Mary R. Pelton and Charles M. Cotting, Executors the sum of twenty eight hundred and sixty five & 66/100 dollars upon their giving a deed of the same, satisfactory to the City Solicitor, containing a release of all grade damages to any grade required for crossing the Brookline Branch Railroad by a bridge, and the limitation that the land shall be used only for the purposes of a public park, also an agreement that the City shall assume and pay all betterments that may be assessed upon their other adjoining land, in consequence of laying out said land for a public park; and that the Chairman sign a request on the Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Muddy River Improvement.

Voted that there be purchased of Lyman D. French for the purposes of a public park, one undivided tenth of a certain parcel of land on or near Muddy River in the City of Boston, containing 40,938 square feet, more or less, and being

shown on a plan of a part of proposed Muddy River Improvement, drawn by Alexis H. French, Civil Engineer, dated Decr. 22. 1887, and on file in the office of the Park Commissioners; and that there be paid to the said Lyman T. French the sum of fourteen hundred and thirty two & 83/100 dollars upon his giving a deed of the same, satisfactory to the City Solicitor, containing a release of all grade damages to any grade required for crossing the Brookline Branch Railroad by a bridge, and the limitation that the land shall be used only for the purposes of a public park, also an agreement that the City shall assume and pay all betterments that may be assessed upon his other adjoining land in consequence of laying out said land for a public park; and that the Chairman sign a request on the Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the Appropriation for Muddy River Improvement.

Geo. H. Clarke,
Sec.

Boston, Dec. 20. 1887.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present Messrs Dean, Maguire and Andrew. also present Mess. Olmsted & Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read & approved.

A certified copy of the rote of the Directors of the Boston and Albany Railroad Co. a copy of which was read at the last meeting of this Board was received and placed on file.

The following communication was received:

To the Honorable the Park Commissioners
of the City of Boston,

Gentlemen,

The Committee of the Council of the Boston Society of Natural History bego leave to acknowledge the receipt of the courteous and suggestive reply of the Park Commissioners to its communication, and to express its thanks for the same.

The Committee fully concurs with the Park Commissioners in considering the plan of municipal responsibility, pure and simple, alike for foundation, maintenance, and administration, entirely opposed to the welfare both of this municipality and of the undertaking itself. It concurs also in regarding the purely joint-stock-corporation plan as undesirable, partly because of the intrinsic tendency of such a corporation to sacrifice the higher aims of such an institution to temporary financial success, but especially because, as pointed out by the Park Commissioners, such a corporation would probably be fatally handicapped at the start by the enormous cost of suitable and sufficient areas of land. Moreover, the Committee would regret to see any undertaking of this sort based upon the expectation of pecuniary returns to stockholders, and does not think it would meet with commendation from the citizens of Boston. Its

brief, the method suggested by this Committee, in its first communication to the Park Commissioners, — namely, the use of public lands at a nominal rental, and in return therefor grants of free admission to the public on certain days, as well as special privileges, when practicable, to teachers of public and private schools accompanied by their classes, with the excellence of the collections and the efficiency of the administration guaranteed by the character of the controlling organization, — ~~this~~ seems to the Committee the most suitable to adopt at the outset of this new undertaking, which, though different in character, is nevertheless to be devoted to the same objects as the Society's present Museum, namely, the instruction and recreation of all classes of citizens.

The Committee, however, fully realizes the importance of attaching to the enterprise a much larger number of our citizens than the Society itself now includes: and to this end it proposes to create a special class of members to be called Natural History Garden Members, thus carrying into effect one of the important suggestions of the Commissioners, that in turning to the mixed method, the advantage which has been secured in these cases (establishments of a similar kind) by gaining the active co-operation of a large number of small stockholders should not be lost sight of.

It appears to the Committee that this "mixed method" so called is the only one by which it is possible for the City of Boston, for a very long time to come, to be supplied with the healthful amusement and instructive recreation which consist in the observation or study of animals kept under their natural conditions, and arranged, classified and described with scientific exactitude. From this point of view and in accordance with the request of the Park Commissioners for a more exact and detailed statement of its plans

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and resources, the Committee is prepared to recommend to the Boston Society of Natural History to enter upon a system of co-operation with the Park Commissioners for the establishment of a Natural History or Zoological Garden. But before any plan can be finally adopted by the Society, it is necessary that it should be put in a definate form, and in that form receive the approval of the Council and also that of the Society at large. The Committee, therefore, feels constrained to request the Park Commissioners to say whether they are prepared to rent to the Society for a nominal sum certain areas of land under the control of the Commissioners as already suggested by them: to wit, that portion of Franklin Park lying on the city side of Playstead and the Greeting (excepting Sargent's Field.) This area would probably be large enough for the Natural History or Zoological Garden proper, and would require to be supplemented hereafter only by much smaller areas for special purposes – such as breeding ponds for aquatic animals, for which the region below Jamaica Pond referred to by the Commissioners would answer: and salt flats and large water basins for Marine Aquaria, for which the areas at City Point described by the Commissioners would be eminently suitable; and, probably, for some special purposes, some water space in connection with the Park in East Boston. The leasing of these areas is to be upon the express condition that the friends of the Society shall raise the sum of $200,000 as a fund to guarantee the proper maintenance of the proposed Natural History Gardens and shall also secure for the Gardens the advantages of the joint-stock-corporation plan by enlarging the membership of the Society through the admission of "Natural History Garden Members" in order to gain the moral and financial co-operation of a thousand or more persons constituting a large and influential portion of the community; and furthermore

that the Society shall assume all the burdens of the organization, equipment and support of whatever kind entailed by the undertaking of a first class Natural History Garden. It is also to be further understood that the action of the Society is to be guided by the principles urged by the Commissioners, and heartily agreed to by the Committee, that "it is much better in a matter of this kind that a limited undertaking should be carried out with completeness than a much broader undertaking in a mean and make-shift way".

If the Society enters upon this agreement, it is to be also further understood that it will lay before the Commissioners within a reasonable time a well defined plan of what is to be undertaken, together with evidence that the Society is prepared to carry it out and maintain it in such a manner that the result of whatever is undertaken shall surely be of its kind inferior to none".

The Committee requests the Commissioners to state whether the proposals above made meet with their approval.

M. D. Ross, Chairman.
H. P. Bowditch
Thomas T. Bouvé
John Cummings
Alpheus Hyatt,
Edward Burgess.
Wm. T. Sedgwick.
Chas. S. Minot.
Charles W. Scudder.
F. W. Putnam.
Samuel H. Scudder Secretary

} Committee of the Council of the Boston Society of Natural History.

by Saml. H. Scudder Secy.

Boston Dec. 3. 1887.

And it was

Voted, that the Board of Park Commissioners has received with pleasure the proposition of the

committee of the Council of the Boston Society of Natural History for the establishment of Natural History Gardens in the public parks, and assures said Society that it shall have reasonable facilities for its undertakings: and that when said Society shall have raised the guarantee fund of $200,000, and performed the other things set forth in said proposition then this Board will give what authority it has to said Society to occupy lands at Franklin Park, and in the Parkway below Jamaica Pond, and at Marine and Wood Island Parks at a nominal rental, to enable said Society to carry out its purposes of establishing Zoological Gardens and Aquaria: and if such authority be not deemed sufficient, the Board will apply to the Legislature for authority to make such arrangements with said Society, as will enable it to carry out its plans substantially as set forth in said proposition, and such as may be hereafter mutually agreed upon: which arrangements, so long as said Society shall comply with the conditions thereof, shall be exclusive: reserving however, in all such agreements, the right of this Board to determine all questions as to said facilities so far as they relate to the laying out and occupying of said grounds

Mr. Howe reported that it was necessary to remove some loose stone at the Embankment which were of very little value, about $40. that Mr. P. J. O'Riordon, who had applied for them, had dumped hundreds of loads of filling material free of cost and was still dumping there, and that it would be only fair and just to give him the stone if he would cart them away; it was thereupon,

Voted. That P. J. O'Riordon be allowed to

remove the loose stone now lying on the ground at the Charles River Embankment in return for the large amount of filling he has placed there free of cost to this Department.

The Sergeant of Police reported neglect in the care of the Lavatories at Franklin Park by the man in charge, and the matter was referred to the Chairman.

An application was received from Miss Susan Cary for permission to remove a boulder from the Franklin Park to place in Forest Hills Cemetary.

Voted, that the application of Miss Susan Cary for permission to take a boulder from Franklin Park be refused.

Voted, that there be purchased of Susan M. Loring, for the purposes of a public park, a certain parcel of land on Muddy River, in the City of Boston, containing 1182 5/10 square feet, more or less, and being shown on a plan of a part of proposed Muddy River Improvement drawn by Alexis H. French, Civil Engineer, dated Dec. 22, 1887, and on file in the office of the Park Commissioners; and that there be paid to the said Susan M. Loring, the sum of Eleven hundred dollars, upon her giving a deed of the same, satisfactory to the City Solicitor, containing the limitation for said purposes; and that the Chairman sign a request on the Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment: said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Muddy River Improvement.

The Chairman reported that he had seen the Corporation Counsel in regard to his opinion, which came before the Board at its last meeting, and that the conclusion with reference to the

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parcels of land, known as Ipswich and Jersey streets, was, that the best course to pursue would be to take and lay them out as a public park. It was thereupon

Voted, that the vote of this Board, passed April 24, 1883, requesting the Board of Street Commissioners to lay out the streets bordering the easterly and westerly sides of the Beacon Entrance of the Back Bay Park from Beacon street to the Boston and Albany Railroad with the names of Ipswich and Jersey respectively be rescinded.

The following act taking and laying out the said parcels of land as a public park was then passed the estimated expense thereof being nothing.

The undersigned, duly appointed and qualified as the Board of Park Commissioners, in the City of Boston by virtue of and according to the provisions of the Act of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, entitled, "An Act for "the Laying out of Public Parks in or near the "City of Boston," being Chapter 185 of the Acts of the year 1875, by the authority conferred upon us by the said Act, and by the City Council of said City of Boston, which has made the appropriation necessary to cover the estimated expenses of our action in the premises, have taken and hereby do take and locate as a public park or parks the following described parcels of land, situated in the said City of Boston, Viz:

A parcel of land belonging to the City of Boston, bounded and described as follows: Beginning on the northerly line of Beacon Street, at its intersection with the Easterly line of the Beacon Entrance to Back Bay, so called, and running northerly on said Beacon Entrance, 189 80/100 feet, to the Harbor Commissioners' Line; thence turning and running northeasterly on said Harbor Commissioners' Line, 52 7/100

feet; thence turning and running southerly by a line parallel with said easterly line of Beacon Entrance and distant fifty feet easterly therefrom, 189 80/100 feet to said Beacon Street: thence turning and running southwesterly on said Beacon Street 52 72/100 feet, to the point of beginning, and containing 9490 square feet, more or less,

A parcel of land belonging to the City of Boston, bounded and described as follows: Beginning on the southerly line of Beacon Street, at its intersection with the easterly line of the Beacon Entrance to Back Bay, so called, and running northeasterly on said Beacon Street, 52 72/100 feet; thence turning and running southerly, by a line parallel with said Easterly line of Beacon Entrance and distant fifty feet easterly therefrom, 872 85/100 feet, to the location of the Boston and Albany Railroad: thence turning and running westerly on said location 50 100/100 feet, to said easterly line of Beacon Entrance; thence turning and running northerly on said Beacon Entrance 854 87/100 feet, to the point of beginning, and containing 43.193 square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land belonging to the City of Boston, bounded and described as follows: Beginning on the southerly line of Beacon Street, at its intersection with the westerly line of the Beacon Entrance to Back Bay, so called, and running southerly on said Beacon Entrance 746 98/100 feet, to the location of the Boston and Albany Railroad; thence turning and running westerly on said location, 50 100/100 feet; thence turning and running northerly by a line parallel with said westerly line of Beacon Entrance, and distant fifty feet westerly therefrom, 729 feet, to said Beacon Street; thence turning and running northeasterly on said Beacon Street, 52 72/100 feet, to the point of beginning and containing 36.899 5/10 square feet, more or less.

A parcel of land belonging to the City of Boston,

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bounded and described as follows: Beginning on the northerly line of Beacon Street, at its intersection with the westerly line of the Beacon Entrance to Back Bay so called, and running south westerly on said Beacon Street, 52 $\frac{72}{100}$ feet: thence turning and running northerly by a line parallel with said westerly line of Beacon Entrance, and distant fifty feet westerly therefrom, 203 $\frac{83}{100}$ feet, to the Harbor Commissioners Line; thence turning and running north easterly on said line, by a curved line of 1850 feet radius, 51 $\frac{20}{100}$ feet, to said westerly line of Beacon Entrance; thence turning and running southerly on said Beacon Entrance, 198 $\frac{9}{100}$ feet, to the point of beginning, and containing 10,044 square feet, more or less. Said parcels being shown on a "Plan of lands taken for a public park on the Back Bay", dated December 30, 1887, drawn by William Jackson, City Engineer and to be recorded with this instrument in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Suffolk.

To have and to hold the said several parcels of land to the said City of Boston, its successors and assigns, to its and their sole use and benefit forever agreeably to the provisions of the said Act.

Dated this thirtieth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty seven.

(Signed) Benj. Dean. Patrick Maguire. John F. Andrew. } Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston.

Mr. Olmsted read a report in regard to the naming of the Back Bay and Muddy River Improvements which suggestions were adopted in the following vote:

Voted, - First, That the intended public promenade, being the continuous way designed to be formed with special regard to pleasure driving, riding, and walking between Boylston Road and Marine Park, by the way of Jamaica Pond, the Arboretum and

Franklin Park, together with the adjoining strips of territory intended to be improved by the Department, appurtenant to the promenade, be named as a whole, "The Parkway".

Second. That different parts of the Parkway shall, as occasion arises, be given distinguishing names, all such names to terminate with the syllable "way".

Third. That the local designations, Ipswich, Jersey, Rumford Longview, and Riverdale be discontinued.

Fourth. That the flowing-basins of the Stony-brook drainage system be called "The Fens;" its banks, "The Fenside;" the division of the promenade of the Parkway adjoining the Fens, "Fenway"; and the division of the promenade of the Parkway adjoining Muddy River, as far as Fremont Street, "Riverway".

Fifth. That the territory of the Department lying between Boylston Road and Charles River be called "Charlesgate", and the streets bordering the same, respectively, "Charlesgate East" and "Charlesgate West".

Chas. F. Clarke
Sec'y

Boston Jan 4. 6. 1888.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present Messrs Dean, Maguire, and Andrews also present, Messrs. Olmsted & Howe. The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

Reports of the Sergeant of Police of Dec. 19. 26. and January 3. and Special officer Connolly's reports of Dec. 23. 29 & Jan. 5. were read.

A communication was received from Julius Weidner in regard to employment which was read and placed on file.

A communication was received from H. C. Hutchins inclosing a letter from John E. DeWitt Pres't. of the Union Mutual Life Insurance Company as follows.

"Portland, Maine, Jany. 3rd. 1888.

"H. C. Hutchings Esq.

" Sears Bldg! Boston Mass.

"Dear Sir:

"Yours, with communication of Geo. F. Clark, Sec'y. of the Board of Commissioners Dep't. of Parks, City of Boston, is at hand, and the same has had consideration. Having, as you are aware, refused 65 cts. a foot for the whole piece of property, and holding it because we believe it is worth more, we think we would not be warranted in selling a small portion of it at any less price than we would be willing to take for the entire property: namely, 70 cts. a foot.

"Yours truly,

"John E. DeWitt.

Pres."

It was thereupon,

Voted, that there be purchased of the Union Mutual Life Insurance Company, for the purposes of a public park, a certain parcel of land on or near Muddy River in the City of Boston,

containing 2041 square feet, more or less, and being shown on a plan of a "part of proposed Muddy River Improvement" drawn by Elvis H. French, Civil Engineer, dated Dec. 22. 1887. and on file in the office of the Park Commissioners: and that there be paid to the said Union Mutual Life Insurance Company the sum of One hundred and forty two $\frac{80}{100}$ dollars (142.80) upon its giving a deed of the same, satisfactory to the City Solicitor, containing a release of all grade damages to any grade required for crossing the Brookline Branch Railroad by a bridge, and the limitation that the land shall be used only for the purposes of a public park, and that the Chairman sign a request on the Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amt. to be charged to the appropriation for Muddy River Improvement.

The following was received:

"City of Boston.

"In Board of Aldermen, Dec. 27. 1887.

"Ordered:

"That the City Treasurer in negotiating the "public park construction loans authorized by the "orders of the City Council, of Jan. 4. 1887 and Feb. "10. 1887. allow a rate of interest of four per cent "per annum payable semi-annually. Passed. Yeas 9. "nays 1. Sent down for concurrence.

"In Common Council, Dec. 29. 1887.

"Concurred. Yeas 55, nays none.

"Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 31. 1887.

"A true copy.

"Attest: John T. Priest,
Asst. City Clerk."

Mr. Olmsted read a report on the reforesting of the Harbor Islands, and it was

Voted, that the thanks of the Board be extended to Mr. F. L. Olmsted for his valuable report on re-foresting the Islands in the harbor, that the Board approves of the suggestions contained therein, and that the subject be presented in the Annual

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Report of the Board to the City Council, to the end that the recommendations be carried out.

Geo. A. Clarke, Secy.

Boston January 13. 1888.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present Messrs Dean, Maguire, & Andrew.- also present Messrs. Olmsted and Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

The following communication from His Honor the Mayor was received.

"Executive Department,
January 3. 1888.

"To the Chairman Park Commissioners.

"Sir: The Superintendents and other Heads of Departments will please report to this office, as early in January as possible, the

"1. Number of clerks employed, and salaries paid.

"2. Number of foremen, and salaries paid.

"3. Number of men employed, and wages paid.

"4. Are there any superfluous foremen, overseers, or clerks in your department whose services can be dispensed with?

"5. Can the expences of your department be reduced and the work efficiently performed?

"Yours truly,
Hugh O'Brien,
Mayor."

The following reply was sent.

January 13. 1888.

Hon. Hugh O'Brien
Mayor. Sir: In reply to your inquiries of Jan. 3d. I enclose herewith a list of the entire force of the Department, in regard to

which I beg to say that the number of men actually employed is lessening at this season of the year, with the less amount of work the Department is doing.

No superfluous men of any rank are employed, nor can the running expenses be reduced

Very Respy, Yr. Obt. Svt.

Benj. Dean, Chairman

Boston, January 20. 1888.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present Mess. Dean, Maguire, and Andrew, also present Messrs Olmsted and Jackson, Mr. J. B. Martin, President of Board of Directors of Public Institutions, and Dr. Samuel H. Durgin and George F. Babbitt of the Board of Health.

The record of the last meeting was read & approved.

Mr. Olmsted's report relating to the reforesting of the Islands of the Harbor was read and the matter was discussed. Assurances were given that the Board of Directors of Public Institutions and Board of Health would co-operate and assist in the planting of such of the lands under their respective jurisdiction as could be spared for the purpose.

A letter was received from John Healy, night watchman at the Back Bay Fens asking for an increase of pay which was refered to the Engineer in charge.

Voted, that Mr. Olmsted be authorized to purchase and import for the Department about $300. worth of plants.

The following was received.

"City of Boston, Common Council

"January 12. 1888.

Jan. 20. 1888.

"Ordered, that the heads of departments be
"authorized to submit their annual reports in
"print: the expence to be charged to the appro-
"priation for Printing.
"Passed, Sent up for concurrence.
"In Board of Aldermen. January 16. 1888.
"Concurred. Approved by the Mayor Jan. 18. 1888.
"A true copy. Attest John T. Priest.
"Asst. city clerk."

Geo. H. Clarke,
Sec

Boston, January 27. 1888.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present Messrs. Dean, Maguire & Andrew. Also present Messrs Olmsted and Morse.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved. The following was received:

"City of Boston, Execution Department
"City Hall Jany. 26. 1888.

"Sir:- You are hereby requested to allow
"all employees in your department whose services
"can be dispensed with, a holiday without loss of
"pay on Washington's Birthday. Feb. 22. 1888.
"Yours truly
"Hugh O. Brien, Mayor
"per H. O. D."

The matter being covered by the vote of the Board allowing employes all legal holidays, without loss of pay, no action was deemed necessary.

Voted, that the City Engineer advertise for curbstones and paving blocks to complete so much of the parkway as lies between Beacon Street and the Boston and Albany Railroad.

Voted, that the purchasing Agent procure

a steam drill for the use of the Department.
Mr. Howe was instructed to ascertain how soon the Paving Department and Bridge Commissioner can vacate the Charles River Embankment Lands.
The annual report of the Board was adopted and the Secretary was directed to cause the same to be printed and sent to the City Council under the general order for the Departments to submit their annual reports in print.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, February 3. 1888.
A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present Mess. Dean, Maguire, & Andrew. Also present Mess. Olmsted, Jackson & Howe.
The record of the last meeting was read and approved.
Mr. Olmsted presented the plans for the Overlook House at Franklin Park which had been prepared under his direction by the City Architect, also the City Architect's estimate of its cost according to these plans, namely $28.700, and the following vote was passed:
Voted, that the plans for the Overlook House presented by Mr. Olmsted be approved subject to such modifications of detail as may be directed, and that the stonework preparatory for the wooden structure be done by days labor under the general direction of Mr. Olmsted.
Voted, that the City Engineer be authorized to advertise for proposals for an iron fence for the Charles River Embankment similar in design to that submitted this day and approved by the Board.
Voted, that the Chairman approve the final estimate under the contract for building the Agassiz bridge, notwithstanding the time

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limit in said contract.

Voted, that the City Treasurer be requested to allow and pay to Mary Glennon the amounts due her late husband Michael Glennon on pay rolls of this Department.

Geo. H. Clarke, Sec'y.

Boston February 10. 1888.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present Messrs Dean, Maguire and Andrew. Also present Mess. Olmsted, Jackson and Howe. The record of the last meeting was read and approved. Reports of the Sergeant of Police of January 16- 23- 30- and Feb. 6. and Special Officer Connolly's reports of Jan. 12- 19- 26- and Feb. 2- 9- were read.

Messrs. F. W. Lincoln and N. J. Marvin, Bridge Commissioners came before the Board with counsel in the matter of the taking of the bridge buildings for Charles River Embankment. After some discussion concerning points of law regarding the rights of the Bridge Commissioners they stated that they did not intend to remove the buildings-

Mr. Howe, assistant Engineer in charge, was thereupon directed to remove the buildings at once.

Mr. Galvin came before the Board in reference to the bill of 740 Forsythia furnished by Mr. John Galvin (his father,) to the Department in April 1886, the previous offer of the Board in settlement having been declined. After some discussion it was

Voted. that the bill of Mr. John Galvin for 740 Forsythia Veridissima be settled by the payment for the same at the rate of $15 per hundred.

Mr. Jackson submitted the plans for an iron bridge for the Neptune Road, Wood Island Park, which were approved; and it was,

Voted, that the City Engineer advertise for proposals for the superstructure of the Neptune bridge

the proposals to be received and opened Feby. 20th.

Discussion was had relative to the annual estimates, called for by the Auditor's circular and the following votes were passed:

Voted, that the City Council be requested to provide appropriations for the Public Parks as follows:

For Park Maintenance	$ 30.000.
For Park Department (office expenses) .	6.500.
For Park Nursery	5.000.
For planting the Harbor Islands .	5.000.
	$ 46.500

Also that the following explanation thereof be sent to the City Auditor. This application is based upon the expenditures of last year and the necessity for additional police. The expenditures for maintenance were as follows:

Franklin Park.

Park Police . . .	$ 271.63	
Labor & expenses in care of grounds & buildings.	1698.13	7.969.76
Back Bay.		
Police, Watchmen, labor and expenses in care of grounds.		1.319.40
Charles River Embankment.		
Park Police (since September.)	477.00	
Labor and expenses in care of grounds and buildings	589.24	1.066.24
Marine Park.		
Watchmen labor & expenses in care of grounds & buildings.		2.584.76
Arnold Arboretum.		
Watchmen, labor & expenses in care of grounds.	415.55	
Park Police. . .	1193.81	1.609.36
Total . . .		$ 14.549.62

More police are needed at all the parks. The present force of seven men is entirely in adequate to cover the ground by day, and no protection can be

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given at night. At least ten additional men should be appointed at once which, with the ordinary increase of maintenance as construction advances, will require the further sum of $ 15.000.00 for maintenance, making the total amount required $ 30.000.00 as above.

Insert see below.

* Voted, that the City Council be requested to provide an appropriation of $ 50.000 for securing the land for widening and improving the parkway of Back Bay between the upper basin and Brookline Avenue, it being necessary to immediately secure these lands to provide for this years work of construction.

The following was received.

" Executive Department,
" Mayor's Office, City Hall.
February 6, 88.

" To the Park Commissioners,

" Sir. Refering to Circular No. 15 of
" 1887, I again call the attention of the heads of
" departments to the fact that no alteration of a
" contract can be made without the consent of the
" Mayor, and that no payment for any extra work will
" be allowed, if such work has not met with the
" approval of the Mayor before it has been agreed upon
" and commenced. You are also hereby requested
" to report in writing to this office whenever any
" discharges or appointments of employees are made
" in your department.

" Yours truly, Hugh O'Brien.
" Mayor."

* The item of 5000 dollars for planting the Harbor Islands is inserted that so praiseworthy a movement, coming from an association of our best citizens, should not fail of attention not because the Department considers it a part of its official duties although a similar duty, and one perhaps that ought to be undertaken by the Department if undertaken at all, also,

Geo. F. Clarke
Sec'y

Boston, February 17. 1888.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A. M.

Present messrs Dean, Maguire, and Andrew. also present Mess. Olmsted, Jackson, and Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved

Mr. Seth Perkins came before the Board for consultation in regard to the proposed outlet for the new Stony Brook Conduit in the Back Bay Fens. After some discussion it was

Voted, that the arangements for carrying out the purposes of chapter 428 of the Acts of 1887, so far as they relate to the construction of the new conduit of the Stony Brook Improvement through the Huntington Entrance to the Back Bay Fens be made by the Sewer Department in consultation with the City Engineer.

The following bids were received and opened. Mr. Flanigan from the Mayor's office and most of the bidders being present.

Paving Blocks.

James J. Vernon . .	58.00
S. & R. J. Lombard. . .	48.00
John Shields. . .	44.37

Curbstones.

C. J. Hall	1.95 curved 1.65 straight
Pigeon Hill Granite Co. . .	2.59
Maine & New Hampshire Granite Co. . .	1.90
John Shields. . .	1.83
Lanceville Granite Co. . .	1.79
Cape Ann Granite Co. . .	1.70
James A. Colson. . .	1.70
James J. Vernon. . .	1.69
Rockport Granite Co. . .	1.69
Albert A. Libby & Co. . .	1.59
Mathaus Paividice & Co. . .	1.50

Voted, that the proposal of John Shields for furnishing 60.000 paving blocks for this Depart

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ment for $4.37/100 per M. be accepted, and that the Chairman be authorized to approve the bond and sign the contract.

Voted, that the contractor be required to furnish a bond in the sum of $1000. or a certified check for the same amount.

The matter of awarding the contract for curbstones, was taken under advisement, after which Mess. Mathews Paradise & Company withdrew their proposal by consent of the Board they having been misled in regard to the quality of the work required.

Mr. Howe was directed to examine the quality of stone proposed to be furnished by A. A. Libby & Co. the next lowest bidder and report at the next meeting of the Board.

The Secretary stated that he had confered with the City Auditor in the matter of the annual appropriation for Department Expenses, and had requested his opinion as to whether all expenses of administration ought not to be provided for by general appropriation instead of some of them being charged to the special appropriation for Park Construction as had been the practise under the former administration of the Department and was now being followed.

The Auditor replied that there could be more difficulty to find the money required to run the departments this year than ever before, and that under the present circumstances it was not a question of the best way of doing it, but of the necessity of keeping the demands for money as small as possible.

Received.

"Executive Department

"City Hall Feb. 11, 1888

"Dear Sir:

"The Civil Service law has been in operation "since April 1885.

1. How does the law work in your department?

" 2. Are the class of men sent you to fill positions up
" to the requirements and as efficient as you could select
" outside of Civil Service?
" 3. Are the laborers and mechanics sent by the
" Civil Service Commission as competent and desirable
" as those who were selected under the old system?
" 4. Are contractors able to hire a better class of
" laborers and mechanics than the city can obtain
" from the Civil Service Commission?
" 5. Is the law, in your opinion, working for
" the best interest of the City?

"An early reply is requested,

" Yours truly,

" Hugh O'Brien.

" Mayor. pro T. "

Geo. F. Clarke.
Sec'y.

Boston, February 24, 1888.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A. M. Present Mess. Dean, Maguire, & Andrew. Also present Mess. Jackson & Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read & approved.

The following communication was received, read and placed on file.

" Corporation Counsel's Office.

" 14 Beacon St. Boston, Feb. 24. 1888.

" Hon. Benjamin Dean.

" Chairman Park Commissioners.

" Dear Sir:

I received your letter
" yesterday with copies of correspondence relating to
" the appointment of park police. I am surprised
" to find among the papers a letter addressed to me
" under date of July 5th 1887, which, as you say,

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" was never delivered to me and which I never
" heard of until now. Introduced as it is in
" this correspondance it seems to imply that a
" request has been made and that I have delayed
" my reply: whereas in fact, your present letter
" is the first request from the Board for my opinion.
" You called my attention to this subject for
" the first time just before I went away, and we
" discussed it somewhat at a single interview which
" was merely introductory: and I doubtless said, as
" you understood me, that it seemed to me you were
" right in the views taken by you. But I had given
" the matter no study and I had no idea that
" what was then said would be regarded as anything
" more than a first impression. I reserved the
" matter for examination. During my absence
" you conferred with Mr. Babcock, but said that
" you did not wish him to write out his opinion
" and it was understood that the matter was to
" be left open until my return. After my return I
" gave the matter no particular attention until our
" interview with Mr. Russell. I then examined the
" question and became satisfied that my first im-
" pression was wrong. Of this I advised you,
" and upon that you authorized me to write
" to the Commissioners that no further appointments
" would be made without seeing them.
" Up to this time the only point to which my
" attention had been turned, and upon which, as
" I have said, I was at first disposed to adopt your
" views, was that the Civil Service Act was not in-
" tended to interfere with powers expressly given to
" the Park Commissioners by the Park Act of 1870
" to appoint a police force to act in the parks.
" At a later interview we discussed the provisions
" of section fifteen of the Civil Service Act, which
" seemed to you to support the view that the park
" police were not within the jurisdiction of the

" Civil Service Commissioners. Your suggestions
" on this point have received my careful consid-
" eration and while they are not without force,
" I do not think they can prevail.
" I am therefore of opinion that the statute gives
" to the Civil Service Commissioners power to include
" the park police within their rules; that they
" have done so, and that appointments to that
" service must be made in accordance with their
" requirements. I return the correspondence as
" requested. Very respectfully,
" E. P. Nettleton.
" Corporation Counsel."

Proposals were received under the advertisement for building an iron bridge at Wood Island Park which were opened in the presence of Mr. Flanigan from the Mayor's office and the bidders, and were as follows:

Berlin Iron Bridge Co.	E. Berlin, Conn.	for $2022:
Coffrode and Saylor.	Philadelphia.	2075.
David H. Andrews.	Boston.	2636.
W. F. Hawkins	Springfield, Mass.	2710.
King Iron Bridge & Mfg. Co.	Cleveland, Ohio.	2980.
Atlantic Works.	Boston.	2991.

Voted, that the contract for building the bridge at Wood Island Park according to the specifications and form of contract prepared by the City Engineer be awarded to the Berlin Iron Bridge Company of East Berlin Conn: for $2022: and that the Chairman be authorized to approve the bond and sign the contract.

Voted, that the contractor be required to furnish a bond in the sum of $1000. or a certified check for the same amount.

Mr. Howe reported that he had examined the stone proposed to be furnished by Albert A. Libby & Co, under their proposal for curbstones, and that it was satisfactory and that the parties were competent

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to do the work. It was thereupon
Voted, that the proposal of Albert A. Libby and Company for furnishing 3407 7/12 lineal feet of curbstones for the Parkway between Beacon Street and the Boston & Albany Railroad at the rate of $1.52/100 per lineal foot be accepted, and that the Chairman be authorized to approve the bond and sign the contract.
Voted, that the contractors be required to furnish a bond in the sum of $2000.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Secy.

Boston, March, 2, 1888.
A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present Mess. Dean, Maguire & Andrew, also present Mess. Olmsted, Jackson & Howe. The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

Reports of the Sergeant of Police of Feb. 13, 20 27. and Special Officers Connolly's reports of Feb. 16, 23 and March 1st. were read.

The following communication was received and refered to Mr. Maguire to ascertain what action other Departments intended taking in the matter.

"City of Boston
"Executive Department.
"City Hall, Feb. 20, 1888.

"Dear Sir:
"You are hereby requested to allow all em-
"ployees in your department a holiday, without loss
"of pay on Evacuation Day (March 17th) 1888.
"Yours truly, Hugh O'Brien.
"Mayor. pr. Davis.

Executive Circular No 22. in relation to hours of labor etc. was received and placed on file. A communication

from P. J. Dinn, dated Feb. 27. 1888. concerning plans for fence at the Charles River Embankment was received read and placed on file.

Letter from the Civil Service Commission requesting information in regard to Sub Foreman and Inspectors, & in regard to the case of Thomas Leonard, were referred to the chairman for reply; the Engineer in charge to report the facts to the Chairman.

A request of P. Mc. Morrow for pasturage at Franklin Park was referred to the Chairman with full powers.

Voted, that the Special officers at Marine Park be required to wear the uniforms of the Department police from and after April 1st next.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, March 9. 1888.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A. M. Present Mess. Dean, Maguire and Andrew, also present Messrs. Olmsted Jackson & Shore. The record of the last meeting was read and approved. Reports of the Sergeant of Police of March 5th and of Special officer Connolly of March 8, were read.

The following petition was received and referred to the Corporation Counsel to report on the legality of the claim:

"To The Honorable the Board of Park Commissioners
"within and for the City of Boston:

"The City of Cambridge
"hereby respectfully represents that it is the owner of
"one undivided half of the properties of West Boston
"Bridge, a bridge connecting said City of Cambridge
"with the City of Boston. That said properties include
"the land with the buildings thereon, appurtenances to
"said bridge, used and occupied by the draw-tender

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" having charge of the draw on said bridge, and
" described as follows: viz.

"Beginning at a point on the
" northerly side of West Boston Bridge one hundred
" and sixty-four (164) feet westerly of the north-
" westerly corner of Charles and Cambridge streets,
" thence westerly on the northern line of said bridge
" sixty (60) feet: thence northerly nearly at right angles
" to said line of said bridge thirty (30) feet, thence
" easterly parallel to said line of said bridge seven
" (7) feet: thence northerly nearly at right angles
" to said line of said bridge seven (7) feet: thence easterly
" parallel to said line of said bridge twenty (20) feet:
" thence northerly nearly at right angles to said
" line of said bridge ninety-eight (98) feet: thence
" easterly parallel to said line of said bridge twenty-
" nine (29) feet: thence southerly one hundred
" and thirty-five (135) feet to the point of beginning.
" Containing about seven thousand six hundred
" and thirty-five (7635) square feet of land.

"That on or about February 11. 1888. the said
" City of Cambridge was then and there duly served
" with a notice by your said Board that said
" premises had by you been taken for the purposes
" of a public park for the city of Boston, a copy
" of which notice, (which was handed to Maurice F.
" Corkery, the draw-tender of said City of Cambridge,
" he being then the occupant of said premises) is hereto
" annexed.

"That on or about February 25. 1888, by the order
" of your said Board said premises were forcibly
" entered upon and the buildings taken, torn down
" and wholly destroyed, and the land thereunder
" taken, held and appropriated by said Board
" of Park Commissioners acting for and in behalf
" of the City of Boston for the purpose of a public
" park for the use of said City. That neither said
" City of Boston nor said Board has ever given any

" notice of the taking of said premises, otherwise than
" is alleged above, has never assessed damages sus-
" tained by said City of Cambridge by reason of
" said taking, nor awarded indemnity therefor;
" and the first actual notice to said City of Cambridge
" of the taking of said premises for such purpose,
" was said notice of said February 11th 1888.

" Wherefore the City of Cambridge respect-
" fully prays Your Honorable Board that damages
" may be assessed and indemnity awarded to said
" City of Cambridge for its property so taken.

(Signed) City of Cambridge
" Charles J. McIntire, by Wm. E. Russell,
" City Solicitor. Mayor. "

" (Copy of Notice Annexed)
" City of Boston, Department of Parks
" February 11, 1888.
" Mr. Maurice F. Corkery,
" You are hereby notified
" to vacate, immediately, the premises occupied
" by you on Charles River Embankment in the
" City of Boston said premises having been taken
" by the Board for the purpose of a Public Park.
" Board of Park Commissioners.
" by Benj. Dean, Chairman."

Mr. Maguire reported that he understood that the Street Department intended giving a holiday to its men on the 17th inst, as requested by the Mayor, & on his motion it was

Voted, that the recommendation of the Mayor be complied with by allowing all employes in this Department, whose services can be dispensed with, a holiday without loss of pay on Evacuation Day March, 17, 1888.

Voted, that the City Engineer be authorized to advertise for 45,000 cubic yards of gravel filling for the Parkway at Back Bay the

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proposals to be received and opened at the next meeting of the Board.

Voted, that the City Engineer be authorized to advertise for 100.000 paving blocks for Franklin Park the proposals to be received at the meeting of March 23d.

Voted, that the City Engineer be authorized to advertise for about 1300 feet of Curb for Marine Park according to the design submitted by the Engineer.

Voted, that the Landscape Architect and City Engineer submit plans for railings for the Marine Park Pier and the Neptune Bridge.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, March, 16. 1888.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present Messrs. Dean, Maguire & Andrew, also present Messrs Olmsted & Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read & approved, also read, report of the Sergeant of Police of March 12th and special officer Connolly's report of March 15th.

No bids were received under the advertisement for gravel filling at Back Bay, and the Engineer in charge was directed to re-advertise for proposals to be received at the next meeting of the Board.

Received. "Boston March 13. 1888.

"To the Board of Park Commissioners,

"City of Boston:

"Gentlemen.

"I desire to hire "the building on Marine Park occupied by me "for the past year for another year. I will pay "the same amount of rent and comply with all.

" the requirements of the Park Commissioners as
" heretofore. I refer to James Collins 928 Broadway
" Jerome S. Macdonald 931 Broadway and Hon.
" Benj. Dean - Broadway.

" Yours respectfully
Philip Ronca."

And it was
Voted: that the request of Philip Ronca be granted subject to such requirements as the Chairman of the Board may make from time to time.

Voted, that the Purchasing Agent procure for the Department 1 Road Rollers, and two water-carts.

A petition was received from Charles H. Carew for permission to establish a boat landing at the Marine Park Pier, and for the privilege of letting boats, which was read and placed on file.

Geo. F. Clarke
Sec'y

Boston March, 23. 1888.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 12.45 P.M.
Present Mess. Dean, Maguire, & Andrew, also present Mess. Jackson & Howe.
The record of the last meeting was read & approved.
Reports of the Sergeant of Police of March 19. and of Special officer Connolly of March 22 were read.
Proposals were received for Gravel filling at Back Bay and for paving blocks at Franklin Park and were publicly opened and read, Mr. Dever being present from the Mayors office. The proposals were as follows:

For Gravel filling.

Boston and Albany Railroad Co. 57 cts. per Cu. yd.

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Thomas F. Maney & Co. .99 cts. per cu. yd.
Augustus Sanicier & Neill Mc. Bride. 1.67 " " "

For Paving Blocks.

S. & R. J. Lombard. $48. per thousand.
Thomas A. Rowe. $55. " "

It was thereupon:

Voted, that the proposal of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company for furnishing 45.000 cubic yards of gravel filling upon the Parkway - Back Bay Fens, for the sum of fifty seven cents per cubic yard be accepted, and that the Chairman be authorized to approve the bond and sign the contract.

Voted, that the amount of the bond required be fixed at $10.000.

Voted, that the proposal of S. & R. J. Lombard for furnishing 100.000 paving blocks for Franklin Park at the rate of $48.00 per thousand be accepted, and that the Chairman be authorized to approve the bond and sign the contract.

Voted, that the amount of the bond required be fixed at $1500.

Voted, that the Engineer in Charge be authorized to increase the pay of the following subordinates to the amounts set opposite their names.

E. H. Reed.	from	4.00	to	5.00
Wm. R. Jaffery.	"	4.00	to	5.00
M. T. Cook.	"	4.00	to	5.00

$1. of which to be paid from Park Appr. balance from the Engineer Appropriation.

C. E. Putnam.	from	4.00	to	5.00
C. E. Houghton.	"	2.25	to	2.75
Josh. Coulson Jr.	"	2.00	to	2.50
E. K. Brown.	"	2.00	to	2.25
T. J. Murphy.	"	1.50	to	1.75
Geo. A. Clough.	"	1.00	to	1.50
H. E. Field.	"	2.50	to	2.75

A. T. Bradley. from 2.00 to 2.25
Wm. H. Tinson. " 2.00 to 2.25

Voted. that the Engineer in charge be authorized to employ an additional rodman at $1.25 per day.

Received: "House of Representatives, U.S.
"Washington, D. C. March 21. 1888.
"Hon. Benj. Dean.
"85 Milk St. Boston, Mass.
"My dear Sir:
"I have your letter of the 12th inst.
"I am sorry I did not see you when in Boston.
"As you have written the Senators fully and
"have given them all the documents which contain
"information, I do not see that you can do
"much more, unless indeed you can find it
"convenient to run on and have a chat with them.
"I do not fear any miscarriage, but after all
"we have done it will be a shame to lose the
"resolution. I will do all I can of course, because
"I have a local pride in carrying it through the
"Senate. Why not come on and take a
"look at us? Yours very truly,
P. A. Collins.

It was agreed that the Chairman should go to Washington at the request of the Board.

Received: "City of Boston,
"In Board of Aldermen Mch. 5. '88.
"Ordered: That the areas reserved for the
"planting of trees, shrubs, grass, etc, in that part of
"Commonwealth Avenue lying between West Chester
"Park and Beacon street, be placed in charge of
"the Board of Park Commissioners.
"Passed. Sent down for concurrence. In Common
"Council, March 15, concurred. Approved
"by the Mayor. March 20. 1888.
"A true copy, Attest: John T. Priest,
Asst. City Clerk."

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The following letter from the Civil Service Commission was received and placed on file.

"Commonwealth of Massachusetts
"Office of Civil Service Commission.
"Boston March 20. 1888.

"Hon. Benjamin Dean,
"Chairman, Park Commissioners,
"Dear Sir:

"In accordance with your "request of the 15th inst. Thomas Leonard has "been subjected to a non-competitive examination "to test his fitness for appointment as night "policeman or watchman in the Park Department. "Having passed such examination, he is hereby "certified to you for appointment. His general "average marking is 76.7. Please make return "of his appointment on the inclosed blank.

"Very respectfully,
"Warren P. Dudley, Secretary.

A notice of the appointment of said Thomas Leonard according to the form prescribed by the Civil Service Commissioners was signed by the Chairman of the Board and sent to that Commission.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Secy.

Received April 4. 1888.

"Executive Department.
"City Hall April 2. 1888.

"Dear Sir:

In accordance with an order passed by "the City Council on April 2nd 1888 I hereby request "you to allow all employes in your department whose "services can be dispensed with a holiday without loss "of pay, on Fast Day April 5th Yours truly,
"Hugh O. Brien, Mayor."

Boston, April 6. 1888.

Proposals for a granite curb for Marine Park were received and opened at the office of the Board of Commissioners at 12 M. Mr. Maguire alone being present, the other members of the Board being absent from the City. There were also present Messrs Olmsted, Cheney & Howe, Mr. Dever from the Executive Department, and some of the bidders.

The proposals were as follows:

Cape Ann Granite Company.	$ 3.64½
Rockport Granite Company.	2.89
James A. Colson. Boston.	3.04
James J. Vernon. Lanesville, Mass.	2.87
Albert A. Libby & Co. Boston.	3.60
John Bateman. Agt. Lanesville Granite Co. Rockport Mass	2.75

Geo. H. Clarke.
Sec'y.

Boston April 13. 1888.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A. M. Present Mess. Maguire and Andrew, Mr. Dean being absent from the City also present Mess Olmsted, Jackson & Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved. Reports of the Sergeant of Police dated March 26 & April 2 & 10th. and Special Officer Connolly's reports dated March 29 and April 5 & 12th. were read.

A letter was received from S. J. Lovis in relation to water flowing on to her premises from Franklin Park, and the matter was referred to the Engineer in charge.

Voted, that the contract for furnishing 1380 feet of curbstone for Marine Park the bids for which were received April 6th be awarded to the Lanesville Granite Company at $ 2.75 per lineal foot and

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that the Chairman be authorized to asserve the bond and sign the contract.

Voted. that the amount of the bond required be fixed at $1000.

Voted, that the Sergeant of Police be allowed full pay for the time he has been sick, said sickness having been contracted in the line of his duty

The following was received.

"To the Honorable The Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston."

"We the undersigned citizens of Boston respectfully ask for a fair division of the work now being done on the Parks and Paving Departments. As the matter now stands a few men with a great many teams get nearly all the work while we who only own one or two teams receive but a mere trifle

"Michael Finnerty. Michael Magee.
"John H. Mee. Wm. Galvin.
"Patrick Condry. Thomas Lally.
"James W. Lakin. and several others."

Read and refered to Paving Department.

Assignment

"City of Boston, In Board of Aldermen.
"February 13. 1888.
"Refered to Committee on Parks.
"J. H. O'Neil. City Clerk.
"By order of the City Council on the 22d. March 1888, the within petition was refered to the Park Commissioners.
"Attest. J. T. Priest.
"Asst. City Clerk."

Geo. H. Clarke. Sec'y.

Boston, April 20. 1888.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A. M. Present Mess. Dean, Maginnis, & Hudson. Also present Mess. Olmsted, Jackson & Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved also read police reports of April 16th & 19th.

Mr. Jackson presented a design for a fence intended for the Marine Park Pier and other places where fences are required, and it was

Voted, that the design for a fence prepared by the City Engineer for this Department be approved and adopted for every purpose where a rail is required unless otherwise ordered.

Voted, that the City Engineer in consultation with Mr. Olmsted prepare plans for a Gate House for the Back Bay Water way adjoining Beacon Street.

A communication was received from Mr. Augustus Parker requesting the removal of an arbor-vita hedge on the park lands near Seaver Street which was refered to Mr. Olmsted, with full power.

Voted, that the Sergeant of Police be allowed full pay for the time he has been absent on account of sickness during the past week.

An application was received from Saml. H. Hume for position as time keeper and the Secretary was directed to notify him that no vacancy exists and that his application will go upon file.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston April 24. 1888.

The committee on cities of the Massachusetts Legislature visited the locations of the proposed takings of land for parkways in company with the Commissioners, Mr. Bailey & Mr. Olmsted.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Secy.

Boston, April 27. 1888.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present Messrs. Dean, Maguire & Andrew. also present Messrs Olmsted, Jackson & Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved, also read reports of police of April 23 & 26. The following correspondence was presented by the City Engineer:

"Office of City Engineer,
"Boston, April 26. 1888.

"Hon. Benj. Dean,
"Chairman Bd. of Park Commissioners,
"Dear Sir.-

"The annexed correspondence
"relating to the Marine Park Iron Pier is submitted
"to your Board, for consideration in connection
"with the question of requesting the Contractors to
"furnish certain work as described in article P,
"page 23 of their contract- Yours respectfully,
"William Jackson.
"City Engineer."

"Office of City Engineer
"Boston. April 18. 1888

"Builders Iron Foundry
"Providence. R.I. Dear Sir

Your contract
"for the Iron Pier at Marine Park provides that at
"the request of the Park Commissioners previous to May

" 1. 1888. You will furnish certain work as described
" in Article P pg. 23- Should the Park Commissioners
" decide to proceed with this work, the price for
" doing the extra work for the foundations of the cast
" iron piles should be settled in advance and we will
" be pleased to receive a proposition from you at your
" earliest convenience. Concerning the bills already
" rendered by you for this work, I must say that they
" greatly exceed my estimate of the value of the work
" done.

Yours truly,

(Signed) William Jackson.

City Engineer."

"Providence, R. I. April 25. 1888.

" Mr. William Jackson.

" City Engineer, Boston- Mass.

" Dear Sir.-

" Replying to your letter
" of the 18th inst. Should the Park Commissioners
" decide to order the five additional piers as provided
" for by our present contract with them, we will
" put in the extra concrete foundation like those under
" piers Nos. 6 and 7 for $ 100. per pier.

Yours truly

(Signed) " Builders Iron Foundry
" by R. A. Robertson Jr. Treas."

And it was

Voted, that the Builders Iron Foundry, the contractor for building the iron pier at the Marine Park, be notified to continue the work beyond the amount already authorized to the full amount as called for on page 23 of contract.

Voted, that Mr. Olmsted be authorized to purchase nursery stock from the Hovey Estate to an amount not exceeding $1000.

Voted, that the City Treasurer be requested to pay to Edward J. Shaughnessy the amounts due the late Patrick Shaughnessy on pay-rolls of this

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Department, said Edward being the son of said Patrick Shaughnessy.

Voted, that the thanks of the Board be tendered by the Chairman to Governor Ames, Senator Hoar and Congressman Collins for their kindly interest in furthering the application of the City for the use of Castle Island for Park purposes.

Mr. Olmsted stated that his contract with the Department had expired and that he desired to have considered the following proposition which he had made in answer to an inquiry of the Chairman.

"City of Boston, Department of Parks
31st March 1888.

"The Hon. Benj. Dean:
"Chairman, Park Commission;
"Dear Sir. In reply to your
"inquiry I beg to say that I should willingly accept
"a reengagement for three years as Landscape Architect
"Advisory to your Department but should prefer, if
"agreeable to the Board, that my son be associated
"with me, the new engagement being with the
"firm of F. L. & J. C. Olmsted: its terms being other-
"wise those of the late engagement with me.
"I request that an allowance be made us
"for ordinary transportation on the business of the
"Department, equivalent to half the cost of providing
"a horse, buggy and driver.
"Respectfully Yours
"Fredk. Law Olmsted L. A. A."

It was thereupon

Voted, that the late engagement of the Department with Mr. Frederick Law Olmsted as Landscape Architect Advisory be continued for three years from April 1. 1888, and be so modified that it shall include Mr. J. C. Olmsted now associated with Mr. F. L. Olmsted under the firm name of F. L. & J. C. Olmsted, and that they be

allowed the further sum of $300. for ordinary transportation on the business of the Department, said sum being equivalent to half the cost of providing a horse, buggy and driver: this vote being an acceptance of Mr. Olmsted's proposition of March 31. 1888.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y

Boston April 28th 1888.

"Arbor day":

Messrs Dean and Andrew of the Board in company with Mr. Howe and the Secretary visited the Parkway at Back Bay where trees to the number of 63 were being set out along the roadway. Each of the Commissioners and the other members of the party planted a tree in recognition of the day. Mr. Maguire's engagements prevented his attendance.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, May 4. 1888.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present messrs Dean, Maguire and Andrew, also present messrs Olmsted & Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved, also read police reports of April 30. and May 3.

Mr. Plumpton appeared for the West End Railroad Co. and stated that the company desired to use a small section of the Embankment lands adjoining Cambridge Street while relaying the tracks, curves, and switches at the corner of Charles and Cambridge Streets. He thought the time required would be about one

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week. It was thereupon:

Voted, that the West End Street Railway Company be permitted to use temporarily the Charles River Embankment lands, adjoining Cambridge Street, for the purpose of relaying its crossings at that point, provided that it shall not in any way interfere with or delay the delivery of the loam by the contractor.

A communication was received from D. W. Waldron asking leave to hold the usual summer series of picnics in connection with the "Fresh Air Fund" after July 4th next, and it was

Voted, that Rev. D. W. Waldron be given the usual facilities for his picnics of poor persons during the coming summer, the arrangements therefor to be under the supervision of the Sergeant of Police.

A communication was received from Augustus Parker, in regard to the name of "Sargent's Field," which was read and placed on file.

A general order that the City Hall and public offices be closed on Monday June 18. 1888. was received. Also the following reply from the Builders Iron Foundry.

"Providence, R. I. April 30th 1888.

"Park Commissioners,

"Boston, Mass.

"Gentlemen, We are in receipt
" of your letter of the 27th inst. We will undertake
" the increased work at once.

"Yours truly, Builders Iron Foundry
by R. A. Robertson Jr. Treas."

Voted, that the Engineer in Charge be authorized to increase the pay of two firemen, one powderman, one steam-driller and three gardeners, but not more than 25 cts. per day in each case.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Secy.

Boston, May 11. 1888.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present Mess. Dean, Maguire, & Andrew. Also present Mess. Olmsted, Jackson and Howe.

The Board re-organized with the choice of Mr. Dean as Chairman, Mr. Andrew Chairman pro. tem, and George F. Clarke, Secretary for the ensuing year.

Voted, that the Chairman be authorized to approve bills and drafts.

Voted, that the Chairman pro. tem. be authorized to approve drafts and bills in the absence of the Chairman.

Voted, that Mr. Maguire be authorized to approve bills and drafts in the absence of the Chairman and of the Chairman pro. tem.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved, Also read police reports of May 7th & 10.

Mr. Jackson presented the plans of the railing or fence lately adopted by the Board showing also a proposed lamp-post in connection with the fence which was adopted, and the City Engineer was authorized to advertise for proposals, in accordance with said plans for railings for the Charles River Embankment and for the Marine Park Pier to be received and opened May 25th next at 12 M.

The following communication to Commissioner Andrew was presented by him to the Board.

"Boston May 7th. 1888.

"My dear Sir,

"It is now four years since
"my house on the Avenue was finished and
"during all that period I have vainly but
"patiently waited for the Avenue between West
"Chester Park and Ipswich street to be put in
"order. I now understand that the Park Comrs.

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" have charge of that area, May I request
" that it receive attention.

" Very respectfy.

" Hon. John F. Andrew. N. D. Hyde."

The Secretary was directed to reply to Mr. Hyde that his letter had been submitted to the Board and his wishes will be attended to as far as the nature of the case will admit

Executive Circular No. 23 was received, read, and placed on file.

The following communication from the City Engineer, was read and discussed, and the matter was referred to the Engineer for further investigation.

" Office of City Engineer.

" Boston May 10. 1888.

" Hon. Benj. Dean.
" Chairman Bd. of Park Commissioners.

" Dear Sir: The temporary
" bulkhead against the West Boston Bridge, which
" retains the filling of the Charles River Embankment,
" has moved the bridge from four to six inches out
" of line. The bulkhead depends entirely on the
" bridge for its support it having no stability in
" itself, and the cross-bracing of the bridge is not
" sufficiently strong to resist the pressure.
" It is therefor necessary to strengthen the bridge
" by suitable bracing, and I submit the accompanying
" plan which shows a system of bracing which will
" be sufficient. " The estimated cost is $1200.

" Yours respectfully,
" William Jackson
" City Engineer "

Voted, that the Chairman confer by letter or orally with the Civil Service Commissioners with reference to the formation of an auxiliary force of temporary park Keepers, to be drafted from the laboring force.

The following communication was received and laid on the table. " Boston, May 10. 1888.

"To the Honorable Board of Park Commissioners.

"Gentlemen: The land bounded by Columbia "street and Blue Hill Avenue, containing 100,000 "square feet (Assessors Plan) the fee of which belongs "to the City, is about to be used by persons claiming "under a tax title amounting to $2,000. The buildings "to be put thereon are to be used for Sunday sales and "other objectionable features. Now any person can "see that this land is wanted for a Plaza to enter "the park. I have applied to the Board of Street "Commissioners and they inform me that they cannot "take action for want of funds, So I now appeal to "your Board to save this piece of land before all title "passes away from the City. Hoping you will "take favorable action on this petition

"I remain respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Cornelius F. Driscoll.
1 Michigan Avenue."

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, May 18. 1888.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present Mess. Dean, Maguire and Andrew. Also present Mess. Olmsted, Jackson and Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

The reports of Park Police of May 14th and 17th were read.

The City Architect sent down for the approval of the Board of the form of specifications and contract for the Overlook Shelter-house at Franklin Park prepared by him. The Engineer in charge was directed to see that the form presented agreed with the usual form of contract adopted by the Board & it was Voted; that the City Architect be authorized to ad-

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vertise for proposals for the construction of the Overlook house to be received and opened at the Office of this Board on Friday June 1st at 12 M.

Mr. Jackson stated that he had caused an examination of the bottom under West Boston Bridge with the view of holding the bridge in place by filling as suggested at the last meeting of the Board. The depth of the mud was slight and he recommended that the filling be done by contract. He estimated the cost to be $3,500 or $4,000. Mr. Jackson was directed to prepare specifications preparatory to advertising for proposals for doing the work.

Voted, that the Engineer in charge be authorized to employ another rodman.

The following communication was received and refered to the City Engineer.

" Metropolitan Construction Company,
" General Engineers & Contractors.
" Boston May 18. 1888.

" To the Hon. Board of Park Commissioners:
53 Milk St. Boston.

" Gent. Refering to our conversation with
" your Honorable Board on May 11th we beg
" to submit the following bid for gravel, or sand
" filling to be furnished by us and deposited in
" the Back Bay Park near the Huntington Avenue
" entrance, the same to be measured in the dump:
" for the sum of forty five cents (45¢) per cubic yard
" payment to be deferred until February 1st 1889.
(monthly payments; or fifty cents (50¢) per cubic yard;)

Very Respectfully,
" Met. Con. Co.
by J. J. Young."

Voted, that there be purchased of Ellen Morrow and Henrietta L. Rogers devisees under the will of Francis Morrow, for the purposes of a public Park, a certain parcel of land, with the buildings thereon situated on the easterly side of Downer Street, being numbered 29 on said Street,

containing 3.000 square feet, and shown on a plan of a part of proposed Muddy River Improvement drawn by Alexis H. French, C.E. dated September 1, 1882, on file at the office of this Board; and that there be paid to the said Ellen Morrow and Henrietta C. Rogers the sum of thirty six hundred dollars upon their giving a title and deed for the same satisfactory to the City Solicitor, containing the limitation for said purposes; and that the Chairman sign a request on the Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Muddy River Improvement.

Voted, that the City Solicitor pass the title of the estate of Francis Morrow deceased, subject to taxes for the current year, and also upon receiving a bond in the sum of thirty six hundred dollars to indemnify the City from any claims against the estate on the part of the creditors of said Francis Morrow for debts or charges of administration.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, May 25. 1888.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present, Mess. Dean, Maguire & Andrew, also present Mess. Cheney & Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

Mr. T. J. Young, General Manager of the Metropolitan Construction Company appeared before the Board in regard to his proposal for filling at Duck Bay. After some discussion Mr. Howe was directed to ascertain the quality of the material proposed to be furnished by Mr. Young and report to the Board. The following proposals were

May 25. 1888. received for iron railings at the Marine Park Pier and the Charles River Embankment, according to the advertisement and specifications thereof and were opened in the presence of Mr. Dever from the Mayor's office and some of the bidders:

	Embankment	Pier.
Walworth Mfg. Co. Boston.	4608.	6314.
Edw. Kendall Sons. Cambridgeport.	4535.	6194.
Manley Mfg. Co. Dalton. Ga.	3974.	4794.
Chelmsford Foundry Co. Boston.	5089.50	4725.
Builders Iron Foundry, Providence.	4700.	4400.
J. W. Fiske. New York.	8254.75	7791.
Geo. T. Mc Laughlin Co. Boston.	3895.50	
P. J. Dinn. Boston.	3874.	

Manley Mfg. Co Telegraphed "Please deduct $350. from "each of our proposals for railways when opened - "revised figures."

Voted, that the proposal of the Builders Iron Foundry for making and placing an iron railing on the pier at Marine Park for the sum of $4400. be accepted, and that the Chairman be authorized to approve the bond and sign the contract.

Voted, that the amount of bond required be fixed at $2,000.

Voted, that the proposal of P. J. Dinn for placing an iron railing on the Charles River Embankment for the sum of $3.874. be accepted, and that the Chairman be authorized to approve the bond and sign the contract.

Voted, that the amount of bond required be fixed at $1500.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, May 26. 1888.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present, Messrs Dean, Maguire and Andrew, also present Mess. Jackson & Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

Reports of Police for May 21. & 24 were read.

A communication signed "Citizens of Ward 8" complaining of boys throwing stones and breaking windows on Charles Street opposite the Embankment, and asking for protection and that ball playing be stopped, was refered to the Sergeant of Police.

The following was received.

"Office of the
Retreat for Insane,
Dorchester, Mass. May 19. 1888.

"Gov. Benjamin Dean.
" Chairman Park Commissioners.
" 39 Milk St. Boston.

" Sir. I respectfully request permission to use the lot in the Franklin Park, on the corner of Canterbury and Morton Streets, as a pasture for the cows belonging to this institution - as has been the custom of my predecessors.

" Very respectfully.
" Fred^k J. McNulty.
" Supt."

And it was

Voted, that the request be granted until the land is required for Park purposes.

Voted, that the Sewer Department in constructing the new Stony Brook Conduit through the Huntington Entrance into the Back Bay basin, carry on and complete the work in a manner satisfactory to the City Engineer and the Engineer in charge, depositing the excavated material in such places and protecting the

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Shores and island in such manner as the Engineer may direct.

Voted, that the City Engineer advertise for 20000 squares of filling more or less to be deposited on the Parkway, between Agassiz Road and Fremont Entrance, in such manner and places as the Engineer may direct.

The following was received and laid on the table.

" City of Boston,
" In Common Council
May 10th 1888.

" Ordered: that the Park Commissioners be requested
" to lay out a play ground, in Ward 22, adjacent
" to the junction of Huntington and Longwood avenues.

(Endorsement.)

" In Common Council May 10. 1888. Refered to the
" Board of Park Commissioners. Sent up for concurrence.
David F. Barry, President.
" In Board of Aldermen, May 21. 1888.
Concurred, Chas. H. Allen,
Chairman".

Mr. Jackson submitted the plans and specifications for filling under the West Boston Bridge adjoining the Charles River Embankment which were approved and the Engineer was authorized to advertise for proposals for doing the work as soon as the necessary license can be obtained from the Harbor & Land Commissioners.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, May 29. 1888.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 10.30 A.M. Present Mess. Dean, Maguire & Andrew.

The record of the last meeting was read & approved.

Sergeant Dennis' report for May 27th was read.

Mr. Adams, counsel for Mr. H. H. Thayer came before the Board in reference to settling the claim of his client for land and buildings taken for Franklin Park.

The following communication was received.

"Office of Civil Service Commission,
"5 Pemberton Square Boston
May 28. 1888.

"To the
Board of Park Commissioners,
Gentlemen:

Upon your representations
"of the 24th. inst. that you wish to employ a
"number of men, selected from the ordinary working
"force of the department, for certain duties on
"Sundays, holidays and whenever for any reason
"an unusual throng of visitors is found upon
"the parks, the Commissioners are of opinion
"that it would not be a violation of law on your
"part to employ, on special occasions in the duty
"of patrolling and guarding the park's grounds,
"laborers regularly in the service of the department,
"provided that such employment does not operate
"to increase their pay or change their character
"as laborers.

I am, very respectfully,
Warren P. Dudley.
Secretary."

A petition to the Board of Harbor and Land Commissioners for a license to deposit filling under West Boston Bridge, adjoining the Charles River Embankment according to the plans submitted by the City Engineer at the last meeting of the Board, was approved and signed by the Chairman.

May 31, 1888. The following persons, applicants for position on the Park Police, came before the Board for examination.=

Jeremiah Mc. Smith.	Franklin L. Ramsell
John F. Norcott.	Charles W. Hebard
Samuel H. Roberts.	Daniel J. Sullivan
John Tutten.	Timothy Daly

Patrick Porderly.

The matter of additional police was then taken under advisement.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston June 1, 1885.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present mess. Dean, Maguire and Andrew. Also present mess. Arnold & Howe. The record of the last meeting was read and approved. Reports of police of May 31st were read.

A communication from George F. Seymore complaining of harsh treatment to his boy by the officer at the Marine Park was received and referred to the Chairman for investigation.

Mr. Dever from the Mayors office and Mr. Vinal City Architect were present to see proposals opened for the erection of the Overlook Shelter House at Franklin Park. Only one proposal was received which was as follows: Creesy & Noyes, Boston for $24.716.

Voted, that the bid of Creesy & Noyes for building the Overlook Shelter House at Franklin Park for $24.716. being the only bid received be rejected and that the City Architect readvertise the contract, the bids to be received and opened June 22d next at 12 M.

Voted that the Engineer in charge be authorized to employ temporary engineering assistance, in order to

allow the Engineering force the usual vacation.

Voted, that the Engineer in charge be authorized to purchase about $300 worth of curbstone for the Parkway adjoining Agassiz bridge to take the place of stone that do not fit owing to a change of line.

Voted, that the request of the Sewer Department for the temporary use of a Hoisting Engine and derrick be granted under the direction of the Engineer in charge.

The request is as follows:

"Sewer Department, City Hall,
Boston, May 31st 1888.

"To the Board of Park Commissioners

Gentlemen,

I desire to hire if "satisfactory arrangements can be made, the "double drum hoisting engine now stored "at the Back bay Park and a derrick located "near the Agassiz bridge for the use of this "department.

Yours respectfully,
"Seth Perkins, Supt. of Sewers."

Voted, that Ball Playing be prohibited at the Charles River Embankment.

The matter of a uniform for the Park Keepers was referred to Mr. Olmsted.

Voted, that Franklin L. Ramsell, Charles H. Hebard, Timothy Daly, and Patrick Powderly be recommended for certification for appointment as Park Police Officers.

Voted, that the Engineer in charge be authorized to purchase the grass necessary for grading the Charles River Embankment.

Geo. H. Clarke,
Sec'y

Boston, June 8, 1888.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present Mess. Dean & Andrew. Mr. Maguire being absent as a delegate to the National Democratic Convention at St. Louis; also present Mess. Olmsted, Jackson & Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read & approved.

Plans reports of June 11th and 7th were read.

Proposals were received and opened in the presence of the bidders and Mr. Dever from the mayor's office, as follows:

Charles River Embankment.

Filling & Riprap, Boston end of West Boston Bridge

Bidders.	3650 cub. yds. Gravel Filling.		500 cub. yds. Riprap.		Totals.
	per cub. yd.	Total.	per cub. yd.	Total.	
John T. Scully. 35 Hawley st. Boston.	$ 0.70	2550.00	$ 1.40	700.00	3250.00
Boynton Bros. Boston.	.75	2737.50	1.23	615.00	3352.50
Charles H. Edwards. Quincy.	.98	3577.00	1.48	740.00	4317.00

The Parkway Filling to be done between Westland & Fremont Entrance

Metropolitan Construction Co.	.40	15.000. cub. yds.	6000.

and it was

Voted, that the proposal of John T. Scully for filling and riprap at West Boston Bridge be accepted, and that the Chairman be authorized to approve the bond and sign the contract.

Voted, that the amount of bond required be fixed at $ 1.000.

Voted, that the bid of the Metropolitan Construction company for filling on the Parkway at Back Bay be accepted, and that the chairman be

authorized to approve the bond and sign the contract.

Voted, that the amount of bond required be fixed at $2,000.

The following communication being received: it was

Voted, That Franklin L. Ramsell, Charles H. Hebard, Timothy Daley, and Patrick Powderly be appointed Park Police Officers for the probationary term of six months.

It was also

Voted, that George I. Tillinson, Patrick McLean, Dennis Kelley, Moses A. Coulter, James Galvin, Edward F. Mulcahy, Bernard J. Fallon, Andrew Rourke, John J. Mc. Nulty, Jos. R. Sherman, Robert Seaman, Edward Daily, Edward Corliss, John Mc. Neill, be appointed Park Keepers with the powers of Park Police Officers, retaining however their positions as Park laborers, and being continued under pay as laborers during the time of their service as Park Keepers.

"Office of Civil Service Commission,
5 Pemberton Square, Boston,
June 7th 1888.

"Hon. Benjamin Dean,
"Chairman, Board of Park Commissioners,
"Dear Sir;

"In accordance with your request of the 7th inst. I hereby certify to you Franklin L. Ramsdell, Charles H. Hebard, Timothy Daley and Patrick Powderly, honorably discharged veterans of the late war, for appointment as park police officers, they having complied with all the requirements of the law.

"Please make return of their appointment on the inclosed blanks, and oblige, Yr. Very resp'y.

Warren P. Dudley,
Secretary."

June 5. 1888. Voted, that the Secretary arrange for the sale of grass at Franklin Park as usual.

Geo. F. Clarke.
Sec'y.

Boston, June 15. 1888.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present, Mess. Dean, Maguire and Andrew, also present Mess. Olmsted, Jackson & Storer.

The records of the last meeting was read & approved

Police reports of June 11 & 14 were read also Mrs. Fennihan's report dated June 11, the several matters in which requiring attention were referred to the Chairman.

A perposition from Daniel Nynan to sell his land, wanted for Muddy River Improvement, for $1500 was received and laid on the table, pending an investigation by Mr. Olmsted as to a change of line at this point.

The following Executive Communications were received.

"City of Boston
"Executive Department
"City Hall, June 8th 1888.

"Dear Sir.

"You are hereby requested to allow "all employés, whose services can be dispensed "with, a holiday without loss of pay on Monday "June 18th 1888. Also to allow any persons "in your department who belong to any military "or veteran organizations or Grand Army Post, "which will attend the unveiling of the Statue of "General Putnam at Brookline, June 14, 1888. "a holiday or that day without loss of pay,

"Yours truly,
"Hugh O'Brien.
"Mayor."

"City of Boston,
"Executive Department.
"Mayor's Office, City Hall,
"June 8, 1888.

"To the Park Commissioners,

Sir:

You are hereby requested
"to allow all the employés in your department,
"whose services can be dispensed with, a half holiday,
"without loss of pay, on Saturdays, commencing on
"June 16th, and ending the last Saturday in
"August, 1888.

"Yours truly
"Hugh O'Brien,
Mayor."

Voted, that in accordance with the request of His Honor the Mayor all employés whose services can be dispensed with be granted a holiday without loss of pay on Monday June 18th 1888.

Voted; that all employés, whose services can be dispensed with, be granted a half holiday without loss of pay on Saturdays commencing on June 16, and ending the last Saturday in August, 1888.

The following communication from the City Treasurer was received and referred to the Engineer in charge:

"City of Boston,
"Treasurer's Office,
"Boston June 15, 1888.

"To the Board of
"Park Commissioners,
"Gentlemen

Will you please
"cause the building assigned for the use of
"the Treasurer's Paymaster in Franklin Park
"to be made secure from storms, Yesterday

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" he was compelled to pay the laborers
" with an umbrella held over him, they being
" unable to only sign their marks and the
" rolls being mared with the rain.

" Yours truly,
" Alfred T. Turner,
City Treasurer.

The following communication being received from the Civil Service Commission.

" Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
" Office of Civil Service Commission.
Boston, June 12, 1888.

" Hon. Benjamin Dean.
" Chairman, Board of Park Commissioners,
" Dear Sir:

" In reply to your requisition
" of the 6th inst. I am instructed to say that
" there does not appear to be any person on
" our eligible list possessing the special qualifi-
" cations called for. You are therefore authorized
" to select a suitable person for the place and
" send him to this office for a non-competitive
" examination, when, if he is found qualified,
" he will be certified to you for appointment.

" When you have made the selection you
" will please fill the inclosed blank and return
" it to this office.

" Very respectfully,
" Warren P. Dudley, Secy.

It was

Voted, that Mr. Jno. B. Murphy be recommended to the Board of Civil Service Commissioners for a non-competitive examination for the position of Sergeant of Police and drilling officer in this Department.

Several communications in regard to laborers were received and referred to the Engineer in charge.

Geo. H. Clarke
Sec'y.

Boston, June 22, 1888.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. present Mess. Dean, Maguire and Andrew also present Messrs. Emeleth, Jackson & Stone.

The record of the last meeting was read & approved. Reports of Police of June 19 & 21 and Mr. Jennihand report of June 20. were read.

The following order of the City Council and communication of the Water Board were received and Mr. Jackson was requested to make arrangements for a visit to the place.

"City of Boston.

In Board of Aldermen June 8. 1888.

"Ordered: That the City's property on Fort "Avenue, known as Highland Park, be hereby "transferred from the Charge of the Boston "Water Board to the Board of Park Commissioners, "and that said Commissioners be requested to lay "out the said Highland Park as a public park. "Passed. Sent down for Concurrence. June 14 "came up Concurred. Approved by the Mayor, "June 16. 1888

"A true Copy.

"Attest: John F. Fried

"Asst. City Clerk."

Office of the
Boston Water Board. City Hall
Boston June 21st 1888.

"To the Board of Park Commissioners.

Gentlemen,

In accordance "with an order of the City Council approved "June 16. 1888, the Water Board have to day "passed a vote transferring the custody of the "City's property on Fort Avenue, known as "Highland Park to your charge.

"Our Superintendent, Mr. Brackett, will consult "with you in reference to the transfer.

"Very truly yours, Boston Water Board by N. E. Swan, Clerk."

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A request from City Messenger Ellis for permission to place a music stand upon the Marine Park July 4th & to give a concert being received, the Secretary was directed to notify him of the consent of the Board.

Mr. Jackson presented the following correspondence which was read:

"Office of City Engineer. City Hall.
Boston June 21. 1888.

"Gentlemen,

"I have to notify your Board that the work of building an Iron Bridge at Wood Island Park is unnecessarily delayed and the annexed copies of correspondence with the contractor for doing the work are submitted for your consideration.

"Yours respectfully
(Signed) "William Jackson
City Engineer."

"To the Park Commissioners
of the City of Boston."

"Office of City Engineer.
City Hall, Boston June 19. 1888.

Chas. M. Jarvis Esq.
Pres. Berlin Iron Bridge Co.
East Berlin, Conn.

Dear Sir.

"In letter of April 27th 1888 you were requested to notify us when you commenced working on our Wood Island Park Bridge, and on May 2d we were instructed not to delay work on bridge on account of any further inspection of materials. As your contract calls for the completion of the bridge in May 27th last, will you please advise us of the present condition of the work, and your intentions in regard to the same. Yours resp'y. (Signed) John E. Cheney.
Asst. City Engineer."

"The Berlin Iron Bridge Co.
"East Berlin, Conn. June 20, 1888.
"John E. Cheney Esq.
Asst. City Engineer:
"Boston Mass. Dear Sir.

Your valued
"favor of the 19th is at hand and in reply
"would say that we have looked the contract
"referred to over carefully and find no date
of completion stated. We therefore have
"done nothing to hurry the matter along
"supposing time was of no very great account.
"We will however commence work at once and
"push the bridge along as fast as possible. I
"should like however to have you write us where
"in the Contract or specifications the time of
"completion is stated.

"Yours truly,
"(Signed) Chas M. Jarvis, Prest."

"Office of City Engineer.
"City Hall. Boston June 22. 1888.
"Chas. M. Jarvis Esq.
"Prest. Berlin Iron Bridge Co.
"East Berlin. Conn.

Dear Sir: In reply to
"yours of the 20th inst, I would state that in
"the contract for Wood Island Park Bridge,
"on page 11 and in par. 5, the time for the
"completion of the work to be done under said
"Contract is clearly stated.

"Yours respectfully
"(Signed) John E. Cheney
"Asst. City Engineer."

A notice from the Board of Health of defective drainage at the Franklin Park Refectory was received and the Secretary was authorized to petition the Board of Aldermen in behalf of

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the Board for a sewer to supply drainage to the Park Refectory.

The following bids were received for building the Overlook Shelter House at Franklin Park and were opened in presence of the bidders. Mr. Dean of the Mayor Office and the City Architect.

Creesy & Noyes. Boston. $ 24.782

F. Jon. Chesley & Co. " 25.912

Voted, that the bid of Creesy & Noyes for building the Overlook Shelter House at Franklin Park for the sum of $ 24.782. be accepted and that the Chairman be authorized to approve the bond and sign the contract.

Voted, that the amount of bond be fixed at $7.000.

Voted, that Mr. Olmsted be authorized to contract with H. Pigeon & Sons to furnish a flag staff about 100 ft. in length according to plan, at a cost not exceeding $400. and for guys iron work and setting up at a cost not exceeding $200.

Voted, that the uniform of Park Keepers proposed by Mr. Olmsted and exhibited to the Board by him be adopted.

Mr. M. D. Ross representing the Sub-Committee on conference of the Natural History Garden Committee came before the Board in reference to the following Communication which he presented for discussion.

"Boston Society of Natural History.

"Berkeley Street. Boston, Mass. May 31. "88.

" Mr. M. D. Ross:

" Chairman Conference Sub-Committee of the

" Natural History Garden Committee.

" Dear Sir:

" At a meeting of the

"Natural History Garden Committee held on May

"31st it was voted that the Conference Sub-Committee

" ask the Park Commissioners of the City of Boston
" to give them the use of the house now standing
" on the land designated for a Zoological
" Garden. It was also voted, that the report
" of the Sub-Committee on Grounds be referred
" to the Sub-Committee on Conference to obtain
" additional information in regard to the land
" proposed to be granted to the Committee for
" the Garden. I send you with this letter a
" copy of the report of the sub-Committee on
" Grounds Very truly yours,
J. Walter Fewkes, Secy."

"Wednesday May 23. 1888.

" A meeting of the sub committee on Grounds
" was called by Prof. Hyatt and was held
" at Franklin Park. Messrs Hyatt Ross,
" Gardiner and Fewkes were present. Prof. Hyatt
" acted as temporary Chairman. Prof. F. H. Putnam
" was elected Chairman: Mr. Fewkes, Secretary.
" The sub. committee examined different portions
" of the grounds allotted in the report of the
" Park Commissioners to the Natural History Garden,
" and the buildings at present standing on them.
" The buildings at present on the ground consist
" of a frame dwelling house about 28 × 40 ft.
" in size, with a basement of brick. The lower
" floor has five rooms. An upper story has six
" rooms, and there is an L with a large room
" in the upper story. There is a good stable
" upon which few repairs are needed.
" A small carriage house near the dwelling house
" is in bad condition, and needs immediate
" repair. There is likewise a small out-house
" and a tower, or lookout near the buildings.
" The buildings are situated in the Long
" Crouch Woods on the highest, or nearly the
" highest land of the grounds.
" It was unanimously voted that the sub. Committee

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"having examined the buildings on the grounds
"assigned by the Park Commissioners for a
"Natural History Garden, regard it very de-
"sirable that the Natural History Garden
"Committee get control of the buildings at once,
"and that the whole matter of acquiring them,
"with power to act, be referred to the sub-com-
"mittee on conference.
"It is necessary for the success of the Garden",
"gusting one of the members of the sub-committee,
""especially of those who are endeavoring to raise
"the $200,000, which is necessary before any steps
"can be taken for the garden, that the sub-com-
"mittees may have a headquarters on the grounds,
"and it seems that the buildings now standing
"there, with a few necessary repairs, are admirably
"adapted for that purpose.
"Immediate steps are imperatively needed to
"preserve these buildings. Dr. Gardiner was
"elected a committee to confer with some
"mechanic to find out how great an expense would
"be necessary to put the present building in a
"condition suitable for the immediate necessities
"of the committees.
"The sum of fifty dollars has already been sub-
"scribed by a gentleman for immediate expenses
"in regard to estimates for improvement and repair
"of the buildings. It was understood that this
"sum, or any other contributed for the same special
"purpose mentioned, should not form a part of
"the $200,000. necessary to be raised before the
"formation of a Natural History Garden can be
"undertaken by the Committee. The sub-Committee
"recommend that they, or some other sub. committee
"be given power to raise and receive funds for
"the special purpose of putting the buildings in
"repair, and adapting them for headquarters for
"meetings on the grounds, it being distinctly

" understood that such funds are not a part
" of the $200.000 necessary for the formation of
" the Garden. A Park policeman at present
" occupies the dwelling house so that no additional
" expense will be necessary for subsequent care
" of the buildings and out-houses, after the repairs
" have been made. The Sub-Committee
" regard the building as well suited for a
" restaurant, and for other purposes.
" The Sub Committee spent some time in viewing
" the grounds and visiting the different localities
" mentioned in the report of the Park Commission-
" ers. It was the impression of the members
" present that the grounds are in all respects
" well suited for a Natural History Garden, and
" well adapted to all requirements for animals
" of the kinds which it is proposed to have there.
" The grounds are long and narrow, diversified
" with hills, cliffs, rocky eminences, and lowland,
" The highest elevation, on or near which stands a look-
" out tower is Rock Hill, 196 ft. high. The grounds
" are composed of three very natural physical
" divisions. Long Crouch Woods, the smaller deer
" park, and the larger deer park.
" Long Crouch Woods is a rambling tract of
" land and, as its name implies, is wooded.
" This tract is rocky, and diversified. The
" land of the smaller deer park, is lower, more
" open, and with only a few trees. The larger
" Deer Park is hilly, upland, also with a few trees,
" and one or two rock masses exposed. A small
" rain pond, possibly fed by springs, lies at the
" edge of Long Crouch Woods. There are no good
" brooks, nor large streams of running water although
" springs are not wanting. The land about
" the smaller Deer Park is the lowest in altitude
" of the whole tract. A very natural division,
" which may be taken advantage of near Sargent's field

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"and the small deer park is a semi-circle of
"large trees. The soil on the Deer Park is
"thinly spread over a ledge and cannot be planted
"with trees without excessive expense, as stated by
"the Park Commissioners. It lies in full view of
"the projected Greeting and slopes towards it so
"that deer upon it could be easily seen from the
"promenade, or thorough-fare. The Deer Park
"near the end of Long Crouch Woods combines desirable
"ground for all kinds of deer. Moose, Caribou &c.
"The slopes of the hills were grassy. Long Crouch
"Woods seems well suited for houses for smaller
"animals. There are depressions which might readily
"be converted into bear pits.
"The view from the cliffs in Long Crouch Woods,
"overlooking the Greeting, is very beautiful, and
"the elevated places in turn can easily be seen
"from the promenade. A distant view of larger
"animals, as buffalos, could be readily had from
"portions of the Park outside the grounds, if these
"animals are kept in this part of the garden.
"The retention by the Park Commissioners of
"Sargents Field divides the ground assigned * to
"the Society for a Natural History Garden into
"isolated sections. The communication between
"these two portions lies along the proposed Greeting,
"and forms an isthmus about 75 ft. broad by
"about 600 ft. long, of useless land for animals,
"through which visitors must pass to get from
"one part of the Deer Park to another. If Sargents
"Field be used for such purposes as a Base
"Ball ground, as suggested in the Park Com-
"missioners Report, or for a drill ground, or any
"other public purpose, it might be at times noisy,
"and hurtfull to timid animals. It would be
"well for us to resign a portion of the larger
"Deer Park in exchange for Sargents Field if the
"Park Commissioners were willing, than to have the

" two sections of the Deer Park isolated as they now
" are. It is thought by the sub-committee
" that it would be an improvement to the garden
" if this part of the grounds could also be acquired,
" and the feeling was that an effort ought to be
" made to have Sargent's Field included in the
" land granted by the Park Commissioners for a
" Natural History Garden. It is manifestly
" evident that any noisy demonstrations taking
" place on this field would be a positive detriment
" to the interest of the garden. No report is made
" on the Marine Park, or Jamaica Pond, as the
" Park Commissioners have not yet given us details
" of the proposed occupation.

J. Walter Fewkes
For the Sub Committee on Grounds.

" * It was understood by the Sub-committee on
" Grounds, when this report was written, that the
" Deer Parks were to be assigned by the Park
" Commissioners for the purposes of the Garden.
" At the meeting of the Natural History Garden
" Committee on May 30th. it was voted that the
" sub committee on Conference obtain additional
" information in regard to the extent of the
" land to be granted to the committee for the
" purposes of a Natural History Garden."

Mr. Ross was informed of the views of the Board regarding the matter.

Mr. Ross also made an application to have John J. Fee made a special Police officer at Franklin Park without pay & it was

Voted, that John J. Fee be appointed a special Police officer at Franklin Park without pay.

Mr. Fee also appeared and accepted his appointment under the terms of the vote.

Geo. A. Clarke
Sec'y.

Boston, June 29, 1888.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present Mess. Dean, Maguire & Andrew. also present Mess. Olmsted, Jackson & Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read & approved.

Police reports of June 25 and 28 and Mr. Tennihans report of June 27. were read.

Mr. Sylvester L. Ward came before the Board in relation to the nuisance caused by the Rendering works at Spectacle Island. Mr. Ward promised to take measures for remedying the evil so far as his factory is concerned. He thought a large part of the trouble came from the fertilizing works on the island.

Mr. Cram a contractor on Stony Brook came before the Board for permission to take about 100 loads of sand and gravel from the Back Bay the same to be replaced with equally good material. And it was

Voted, that the Contractor for section 4 of the Stony Brook Conduit be permitted under the direction of the Superintendent of Sewers to remove not exceeding 125 loads of sand and gravel from the Parkway at Back Bay, he to return a similar amount of good clean filling material to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Sewers.

Voted. that the City Treasurer be requested to pay the laborers at Franklin Park on Friday or some other day than Thursday.

Voted, that the City Engineer be authorized to obtain proposals for connecting the Iron pier with the temporary Wooden pier according to the plans presented by him and report the same to the Board.

The Secretary was directed to notify messrs A. A. Libby & Co. that the time for the completion of the Contract for curbstones for the parkway

has expired, and that the Board will enforce the penalty for non-completion of the work within the time specified, also that if they have any thing to say in regard to the matter they can appear at the next meeting of the Board.

A license from the Board of Harbor and Land Commissioners to deposit filling under West Boston Bridge was received and placed on file.

Applications from James H. Sullivan, Arch. Hall, and Edward Finnerty for permission to fish in the Back Bay Fens were received and the Board declined to grant permits for such purposes.

The following communication was received.

"Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
"Office of Civil Service Commission.
"5 Pemberton Square, Boston,
June 26. 1888.

"Hon. Benjamin Dean,
"Chairman, Park Commissioners,
"Dear Sir;

"In compliance
" with your request of the 13th inst., and in
" accordance with civil service rules, Mr. William
" B. Murphy has been subjected to a non-competitive
" examination.

" Having passed the same successfully, he
" is hereby certified to you for appointment to
" the position of Sergeant of the Park Police.

" You will oblige by sending a report of
" his appointment on the enclosed blank.

" Respectfully yours,
Warren P. Dudley,
Secretary."

The Chairman stated that he had forwarded a notification of the appointment to the Civil Service Commission the same to take effect June 29. 1888. It was thereupon

Voted. that Wm. B. Murphy be appointed

Sergeant of Police and drilling officer in this Department for the probationary term of six months, and that he be assigned for duty at the Parkway Back Bay and Charles River Embankment.

Voted, that the pay of the janitor at Franklin Park be increased to $1.50 per day.

The following report of the City Engineer was received.

"Office of City Engineer.
City Hall, Boston, June 28. 1888.

" Hon. Benjamin Dean.
" Chairman Bd. of Park Commissioners
" Dear Sir.
" In accordance with
" your request the following report on the con-
" dition of the Eight and Park transferred to the
" custody of your Board by the City Council is re-
" spectfully submitted. The tower is in good condition
" with the exception that it should be repainted,
" the concrete walk about the tower is in bad
" condition and should be renewed, the drive
" and grounds are in fair condition and need
" only ordinary repairs, there is also in the Park
" a monument in commemoration of an ancient forti-
" fication. A man from the Water Department
" is still acting as Keeper in charge of the grounds.
" William Jackson
" City Engineer."

Geo. F. Clarke.
Sec'y

Boston, July 6. 1888.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present messrs Dean, Maguire and Andrew, also present messrs Olmsted, and Horne.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

Police reports for the week ending July 5th and Mrs. Tennihan's report of July 2nd were read.

Messrs. J. D. Adams, F. L. Ames, W. Gordon Dexter came before the Board in relation to the project of covering over the tracks of the Boston and Albany Railroad between Brookline Avenue and West Chester Park street.

Some discussion being had, it was informally given as the opinion of the Board that the project was not of such importance to the work of the Department as to make it desirable for the Board to take any action in the matter. In fact the plans of the Department had been arranged with a different end in view, and could not now be changed.

The following order was received and refered to the Engineer in Charge for report.

"City of Boston

"In Common Council, June 21. 1888.

" Ordered: That the Park Commissioners be
" requested to supply water for drinking pur-
" poses at Wood Island Park, E. Boston.
" Passed. Sent up for concurrence. In Board
" of Aldermen, June 25. concurred. Approved by
" the Mayor June 29. 1888.
" A true copy. Attest: John T. Priest
Asst. City Clerk."

Voted, that the City Engineer be authorized to obtain proposals for about 400 feet of curbstone for Franklin Park.

The Chairman was authorized to send a communication to the City Council, requesting

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to be relieved from the care of Highland Park.

Geo. F. Clarke, Sec'y.

Boston, July 13. 1888.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present mess. Dean, Maguire and Andrew. Also present mess. Olmsted, Jackson & Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read & approved.

Reports of police and Matron were read.

The Board heard members of the special committee of the City Council on the question of making a play ground on the South Boston Flats, the use of which had been offered to the City for five years by the Board of Harbor & Land Commissioners.

The conclusion of the Board was that it could expend no money for such purposes from any existing appropriations.

The subjects of building roads by contract and the cost of road-building of various kinds were discussed at great length. The cost of double teams was also discussed and Mr. Maguire stated that the Paving Department reduced the price of teams to $5. and had to restore it to $6. because of the poor quality of horses offered.

The following bids for furnishing about 400 ft. of curbstone at Franklin Park were obtained by the City Engineer and opened in the presence of the Board.

Rockport Granite Co.	$ 1.71	per lin. ft.
James J. Vernon, Lanesville, Mass.	1.91	" " "
Cape Ann Granite Co.	2.58	" " "
Lanesville Granite Co.	2.68	" " "

It was thereupon

Voted, that the contract for curbstones at Franklin Park be awarded to the Rockport Granite Co.

The following was received and refered to committee on Common and Squares.

"City of Boston,

"In Common Council, June 28. 1888.

"Ordered: That the Park Commissioners be
" requested to supply a sufficient number of
" seats for Orchard Park, Boston Highlands.
" Passed. Sent up for Concurrence. In Board of Aldermen, July 2, concurred.
" by the Mayor. July 5. 1888.
" A true copy. Attest. John T. Priest.
" Asst. City Clerk."

Geo. F. Clarke
Sec.

Boston, July, 20. 1888.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A. M. Present Mess. Dean & Maguire, also present Mess. Olmsted Jackson and Horne.

The record of the last meeting was read & approved.

Police reports for the week were read.

Mr. Perkins Superintendent of Sewers came before the Board in reference to the case of Patrick Mulranen now before the Courts on the charge of stealing gravel from the Back Bay.

Sergeant Murphy also was present and gave an account of the matter. Mulranen is employed by Peter Gilligan who is working for the Sewer Department, and Gilligan claims that the gravel was taken to the wrong place by mistake of the teamster.

The Board decided that the matter being now in the courts it

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should be left to take the usual course in such cases at the discretion of the Judge, and in accordance with the testimony presented.

Voted. That the Engineer in charge be authorized to contract for the setting of the curb at the Marine Park.

Voted. that the pay of the janitress at the Marine Park refectory be increased to $1.50 per day.

Mr. Bailey, City Solicitor failed to keep an appointment with the Board and the matter upon which his opinion was desired were accordingly postponed. The following was received,

" Office of the
" Board of Directors for Public Institutions,
" No. 14 Beacon St. Boston July 17. 1888.

" Hon. Benj. Dean.
" Chairman, Park Commissioners
" Dear Sir.

" Will you please
"permit the Supt. Retreat for Insane" to
"pasture his Cows, on that portion of the Park,
"called Galvins field?

" I am very truly yours
" John C. Martin 2d
" Prest."

and it was agreed to grant the request for the remainder of the season. The Secretary was directed to notify him accordingly.

Geo. F. Clark
Sec.

Boston July 27, 1888.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present Mess. Dean & Maguire, also present Mess. Olmsted & Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read & approved.

Police reports for the week were read.

Several petitions for permission to hold religious services on the public parks being received it was

Voted, that it is inexpedient to grant permits for such purposes.

A communication from the Board of Health asking what steps have been taken to abate the nuisance at the refectory Franklin Park was received. Mr. Howe stated that he had seen the Board of Health and informed them of what was being done, and that no further reply was necessary.

The Board conferred with Mr. Bailey City Solicitor regarding the right of the Board to assume control of the sidewalks adjoining the Charles River Embankment which it was desirable should be reconstructed according to the plans of the Embankment prepared by Mr. Olmsted.

Mr. Bailey stated that in his opinion the sidewalks should be considered a part of the Embankment, and that he would treat them as such and go on with the construction of the Park to the outside line of the curb.

Mr. H. M. Whitney came before the Board in reference to the proposed parkway, connecting Beacon Street, near St. Mary's Street, with the park system.

Voted, that the City Solicitor be authorized to settle the case of Louise T. C. Thayer for land taken for Franklin Park by having judgment entered in the sum of $ 8.75 c.

A communication was received from Augustus

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Russ, in reference to the charge against Peter Gilligan of taking gravel from the Back Bay, which was read and placed on file.

Geo. F. Clarke, Sec'y.

Boston Aug. 3. 1888.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present Mess. Dean and Andrew, also present Messrs Olmsted, Jackson & Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read & approved.

Police reports for the week were read.

Mr. Adams came before the Board in reference to what he called a misunderstanding in the matter of the proposed settlement with Louise T. C. Thayer. Further consideration was postponed until it could come before the full Board.

Plans for gates at the Entrance to the Country Park were presented by Mr. Olmsted and approved.

The City Engineer presented a plan for the connection of the arched water ways of the Stony Brook Improvement with the open water way in the Huntington Entrance to the Fens.

The City Engineer submitted the following bids for building the connection between the wooden and iron piers at Marine Park obtained by him by order of the Board.

" Marine Park Pier. Connection between Wood & Iron Piers.

" Canvass of Bids, August 3. 1888.

"

" Bidder.	Address.	Time. to get files.	Time. to consider after receiving Bids.	Bid.
"Mc. Innis & Parker.	Boston	Not stated.	8 days.	$ 995.00
"F. G. Whitcomb.	"	7 days	10 "	1150.00
"Jm. A. Norton.	"		14 "	1250.00
"J. N. Hayes & Co.	"	10 days	10 "	1430.00
"Geo. H. Cavanagh.	"	Not stated.	Not stated.	1500.00 "

"Awarded to Mc. Innis & Parker."

Voted, that the contract for building the connection between the wooden and iron piers at the Marine Park be awarded to Mc. Innis & Parker for the sum of $995. provided their arangements for procuring the piles are made satisfactory to the City Engineer.

Voted that the City Engineer be authorized to procure the stone required for the crusher at Back Bay from the Sewer Department at a cost not to exceed $1.00 per ton or $1500. in all.

Voted, that the Telegraph & Telephone Companies having wires running over the public parks be requested to make some other disposition of their lines and remove the poles.

Geo. F. Clarke
Sec'y

Boston, August 10, 1888.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present Mess. Dean, Maguire & Andrew, also present Mess. Olmsted & Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved, also read police reports for the week.

Mr. Guy Wilkinson President of the Dole Fertilizer Company came before the Board in reference to the complaints of the odor from its works at Spectacle Island. He promised to do every thing in his power to mitigate the evil.

A communication was received from Samuel E. Sawyer in reply to the communication of the Board notifying him to remove the Ashler Stone belonging to him at Franklin Park, which was read,

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and referred to the City Solicitor.

Mr. Olmsted submitted the final plans for the Embankment Gymnasium, and stated that Professor D. A. Sargent had offered to supply the apparatus for the Gymnasium and also to superintend its setting up for the sum of $1000. After some discussion it was

Voted, that the plans submitted by the Landscape Architect for the Gymnasium Charles River Embankment are approved and that the Landscape Architect be authorized to make an arrangement with Dr. Sargent for providing the apparatus at a cost not exceeding the amount of his offer $1000.

Geo. H. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, August 17, 1888.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A. M. Present Messrs. Dean, Maguire, & Andrew, also present Messrs Olmsted & Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

Police reports for the week were read.

The following licence from the Harbor & Land Commissioners was received.

"Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

"Harbor and Land Commissioners' Office.

"Boston, Aug 9. 1888.

"Permission is hereby given to the City of Boston "to dredge 6650 cubic yards of gravel from Charles "River Basin in such places and to such depths as "shall be from time to time prescribed by this Board "3650 cu. yds. of the above to be used for filling "under West Boston Bridge and the balance used for "grading walks on the Charles River

" Embankment.

" John S. Baker } Harbor and
" Chas. H. Howland } Land
Commissioners."

Mr. Rues came before the Board to ask if there was a possibility of negotiating a sale of the Kent & Skinner lands near the Arboretum.
He said that Mr. Kent's house had been burned and only the land and a barn would have to be paid for. The Skinner house was not very valuable.
Mr. Rues was informed that no appropriation was now available for such a purpose but that if the new appropriation for parkways passed the Board might consider the matter.
A communication from C. J. F. Binney calling attention to the grove of trees opposite Longwood Park, and stating that it could now be purchased for park purposes at a reasonable rate was received.
The Secretary was directed to reply that it did not come within the scope of the park system or the proper jurisdiction of the Board.
A letter was received from Francis J. Parker in reference to the estate of Frederick H. Ridge on Jamaica Pond, which was read together with the reply which had already been made by direction of the Chairman. (Letter Book 3-665)
On the request of Mr. Benj. F. Anthony it was
Voted, that the Roxbury Veteran Association be permitted to play a hand-Engine on the Parkway near the Stony Brook gate house provided they make sufficient police arrangements to insure the preservation of the peace.
Mr. Olmsted submitted a modified offer from Dr. Sargent for putting up the gymnastic apparatus at the Charles River

Aug. 17. 1888. Embankment for the sum of eight hundred dollars, which was approved and placed on file.

Geo. H. Clarke, Sec'y.

Boston August, 24. 1888.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present Mess. Dean and Andrew, also present Mess. Olmsted Jackson & Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved. Police reports for the week were read. Mr. Jackson presented the following letters from the Builders Iron Foundry in reference to the contract for the iron railing for the Marine Park Pier.

"Providence, R.I. Aug. 22. 1888

" Mr. Wm. Jackson, City Eng.

" Boston. Mass.

Dear Sir. We replied to your

" telegram this morning as by enclosed copy-

" The channel for bottom rails although promptly

" ordered has but recently arrived. When we begin

" to erect we shall go prepared to put up the whole

" lot.

Yours truly

" Builders Iron Foundry

" by R. A. Robertson Jr. Treas."

(Copy of telegram) "Prov. Aug. 22. '88.

" Mr. Wm. Jackson City Engineer, Boston. Mass.

" It will be three weeks before we begin erecting fence

" in A. St Co. "Builders Iron Foundry"

Providence, R.I. Aug. 23. 1888.

" Mr. Wm. Jackson, City Engineer.

" Boston Mass.

Dear Sir. Replying to your

" telegram of this day, we will do all we can to

" hasten delivery of fence". We doubt however if
" we can do better than the time stated.

" Yours truly, Builders Iron Foundry
" by R. A. Robertson Jr."

A communication was sent to the Berlin Iron Bridge Co. asking why their contract for the Wood Island Park Bridge should not be terminated and the bridge procured from other parties. (Letter book 3- p. 670.)

The City Engineer stated that the work done by A. A. Libby & Co. was good in every respect and that no fault could be found with the manner of fulfilling their contract except the delay in completing the work which they attributed to the difficulty of securing vessels in which to ship the stone. It was thereupon

Voted. that the Chairman approve the final estimate under the contract with Albert A. & James O. Libby for curbstone furnished for the Parkway, notwithstanding the delay in completing the work beyound the time provided in the contract.

The question whether barriers should be erected along the roads bordering the Fens was discussed.

The Chairman stated that he had made an arrangement with Mrs. Thayer by which she would pay up the rent due since January 1st. and continue to pay rent as before so long as she occupied the house, provided the Board increased the amount to be paid by the amount of rent due September 1st. On his motion it was thereupon

Voted, that the following vote be substituted for that passed July 27th. and a copy thereof sent to the City Solicitor - the former vote to be withdrawn and rescinded.

Voted, that the City Solicitor be authorized to settle the suit of Louise J. C. Thayer for land taken for Franklin Park by having judgment entered in the sum of $8.990

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said Thayer to pay the rent from January 1st to September 1st. amounting to $240. and to continue to pay rent at the same rate as long as the Commissioners permit the premises to be occupied.

Geo. E. Edwards
Sec'y.

Boston, August 31st 1888.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present Mess. Dean and Maguire, also present Mess. Olmsted and Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read & approved.

Police reports for the week were read.

The following Executive Communication was received.

City of Boston.
Executive Department.
City Hall. Aug. 27. 1888.

"Dear Sir:

"You are hereby requested to continue "the half holiday vacation" on Saturdays, during "the month of September, to all employees whose "services can be dispensed with.

"Respectfully,
"Hugh O'Brien Mayor."

And it was

Voted, to continue the half holiday vacation on Saturdays, during the month of September to all employees whose services can be dispensed with.

The following communication was received to which the Chairman replied as per letter book, No. 3. p 672.

East Berlin, Conn, Augt. 27. 1888.

Benj. Dean Esq.
Chairman Park Commissioners, 82 Mich St. Boston, Mass.

" Dear Sir:- Your letter of the 24th is
" received and in reply would say that if you
" deem there has been unreasonable delay in the
" building of Wood Island Park bridge and that
" the City has suffered damage by said delay
" you of course under the contract have right to
" annul same and purchase the bridge of other parties.
" We have however shipped the iron work
" and it is now on the ground at the site and our
" men and our men expect to get the bridge
" completed this week so that while there has
" been great delay still as we shall finish
" the bridge this week under ordinary circum-
" stances we beg to be allowed to do so.
" We have no excuse to make for the delay
" but by way of explanation would say that although
" two of the officers of this company read the
" contract over carefully to find the date of completion
" but for some unexplained reason we did not
" find any time of completion stated and supposed
" that there was no great hurry for the bridge
" until notified by the Assistant City Engineer that
" the time had expired for completion. We have
" since that time pushed the work all we
" possibly could and while of course it is our
" business to read the contract carefully and to
" know in regard to these matters still this will
" explain in a measure the cause of the delay.
" We trust you will not deem it advisable to
" decline to receive the bridge now that the work
" is so nearly completed. Kindly advise us
" your pleasure by wire at our expence.
" Yours truly.
" " Chas. M. Jarvis.
" Pres."

Mr. Horr reported that he had made an arrange-
ment with Messrs Boynton Bros. to furnish the
gravel for grading the walks at the Charles River

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Embankment. He now finds that the amount which he is authorized to purchase will be inadequate, that it will require about $500. worth more and asked that he be further authorized to secure the amount necessary to complete the work. It was thereupon

Voted, that the Engineer in charge arange with Boynton Bros. for supplying the additional gravel required to complete the grading at the Embankment, the expenditure therefor not to exceed five hundred dollars.

Geo. F. Clarke, Sec'y.

Boston, September. 7. 1888.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M.

Present Mess. Dean & Andrew ales present Mess. Olmsted & Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

Police reports for the week were read.

Geo. F. Clarke, Sec'y.

Boston, September 14, 1888.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held a its office at 11.30 A.M. Present messrs Dean, Maguire & Andrew ales present Mess. Olmsted, & Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read & approved.

Mr. D. E. Perry came before the Board in reference to the claim of Davis Johnson and others for damages caused by the taking of their land for the Back Bay Improvement. After stating

his view of the case it was agreed that Mr. Perry should put his claim in writing and submit the same to the Board for further consideration.

Voted, that an invitation be extended to His Honor the mayor, the City Council and Heads of Departments, also past Mayors & Park Commissioners to join in an official visit of inspection of the drives and walks of the Forestdale district of Franklin Park and of the lower basin of the Back Bay Fens, and that the Secretary ask the City Solicitor if the Board has the right to provide a lunch for the occasion at the charge of the City (Letter to His Honor & City Council. See L.B. Vol. 3. p. 676.)

Voted, that the ordinances, or rules adopted August 20. 1886. for the use and government of the Public Parks are hereby amended so far as they relate to Franklin Park and the Arnold Arboretum by the addition of the following rules with the numbers indicated.

6. To drive a horse or horses at a rate faster than eight miles an hour.
7. To ride a horse at a rate faster than ten miles an hour.
8. To drive or ride any animal not well broken and under perfect control of the driver.
9. To walk on the drives or rides except to cross them at the proper crossing places.

Voted, that the ordinances or rules adopted Aug. 20. 1886 for the use and government of the Public Parks are hereby amended so far as they relate to the Back Bay Fens by the addition of the following rules with the numbers indicated.

6. To drive a horse or horses at a rate faster than eight miles an hour.
7. To ride a horse at a rate faster than ten miles an hour.
8. To drive or ride any animal not well broken

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and under perfect control of the driver.

9. To walk on the drives, or rides, or on any part of the property except the prepared walks or except to cross the drives or rides at the proper crossing places.

The police reports of the week were read.

Geo. F. Leland
Sec'y

Boston, September 21, 1888.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A. M. Present Messrs Dean, Maguire & Andrew, also present Messrs Olmsted and Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read & approved.

Police reports for the week were read.

The City Architect sent down the plans for the cottage at the Charles River Embankment which were discussed and some minor modifications suggested.

A communication was received from Mr. Perry counsel for Davis Johnson, Geo. A. Simmons Trustee & others stating his claim for damages for the taking of certain of their lands and flats at Back Bay. The Secretary was directed to send a copy of the claim to the Solicitor and request his opinion on the question as to what the Commissioners can legally pay before considering what ought to be paid if it should be found that the claimants originally had title.

The Secretary stated that the City Solicitor had informed him in reply to the request of the Board that he thought the Board had the right to provide a lunch for the City Government and others on the occasion of the official inspection of the public parks, and that

it was a proper charge for the City to pay.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston September, 28. 1888.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A. M. Present Mess. Dean Maguire and Andrew. Also present Mess. Olmsted, Jackson & Howe.

The record of the last meting was read and approved, also read Police Reports for the week.

Mr. Robert Amory, Gen'l. Manager of the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company came before the Board in reference to the poles of the company on Charles street along the Charles River Embankment. He stated that the Company intended putting its through wires underground, but as there were many local wires, and also electric light wires on the poles they could not be dispensed with. He agreed to apply to the Board of Aldermen for a location on the other side of the street.

Mr. Olmsted submitted a plan for a fence to surround the Gymnasium ground at the Embankment which was approved, and the City Engineer was authorized to advertise for proposals for building the same.

Voted, that the City Engineer in consultation with the landscape Architect prepare plans for the addition to complete the iron pier at Marine Park.

A proposition to sell filling at Back Bay was received from Mr. Albert J. West who intends to excavate for cellars on Longwood Avenue and the matter was referred to the Engineer in charge. Mr. P. W. Coffin came before

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the Board and complained of water from the Park improvements coming into the cellar of the new House on Glen Road adjoining the park.

The matter was referred to the Engineer in charge.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston Oct. 5. 1888.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present Messrs Dean & Maguire, also present Mess. Olmsted, Jackson & Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read & approved.

Police reports for the week were read.

The following order of the City Council and Executive Department circular were recind read & placed on file.

"City of Boston. In Board of Aldermen.
September, 17, 1888.

" Ordered: That the care and custody of Highland
" Park be hereby transferred from the Board of
" Park Commissioners, to the Superintendent of Common.
" Passed. Sent down for concurrence. Sept. 27. came up
" concurred. Approved by the Mayor, Sept. 29. 1888.
" A true copy. Attest: John T. Priest.
Asst. City Clerk."

" City of Boston.
" Executive Department.
" Mayor's Office. City Hall.
" October 4. 1888.

" To the Park Commissioners.

" Sir: You are hereby requested to
" continue the half holiday vacation on Saturdays, during
" the month of October, to all employes whose services can
" be dispensed with. You are also requested to allow

" each of your employes as desire to attend the Veteran
" Firemans Celebration in the City of Lowell on October
" 10. 1888, a holiday, without loss of pay on that day

" Yours truly

" Hugh O'Brien,

" Mayor. "

It was Voted, to continue the Saturday half holiday during the month of October to all employes whose services can be dispensed with as requested by His Honor the Mayor

Voted: that Dennis Kelley injured in the discharge of his duty and without fault on his part be allowed half pay for absent time owing to said injury, and that the Engineer in Charge be authorized to allow the same on the next pay roll.

Voted: that the Engineer in Charge be authorized to detail men from time to time to take care of the finished part of the Playstead, Franklin Park, and the finished part of the Parkway - Back Bay Fens, at an expense not exceeding that of three men regularly employed at each place, and that the expense thereof together with other necessary expenses in the care of said sections be charged to maintenance.

Geo. H. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, Oct. 12. 1888

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present, Mess. Dean, Maguire & Andrew, also present Messrs J. S. Olmsted and E. W. Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read & approved.

Police reports for the week were read.

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The following bid was received in answer to the advertisement for proposals for building an iron fence around the gymnasium ground at the Charles River Embankment, and was opened & read. Mr. Dever from the Executive Department being present:

"Boston Oct. 11. 1888

" Park Commissioners

" City of Boston. Gentlemen

" I propose to furnish

" all materials, make and set up Iron Fence on

" Charles River Embankment, according to plans and

" specifications furnished by City Engineer for the sum

" of Twenty five hundred sixty eight dollars ($2568.00)

" and I agree to do the entire work to the satisfac-

" tion of City Engineer

" Respectfully Yours

" Patrick J. Dinn,

" Boston.

" P.S. I will be able to complete the work by first of

" January 1889. P. J. D."

Voted, that the proposal of P. J. Dinn for an iron ... to be erected at the Charles River Embankment for the sum of $2568- be accepted and that the Chairman be authorized to approve the bond and sign the contract.

Voted, that the amount of bond required be fixed at one thousand dollars."

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, Oct. 19, 1888.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present Mess. Dean, Maguire, & Andrew. - also present Messrs Olmsted, Cheney & Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

Police reports for the week were read.

Proposals were received and opened for building an extension of the Marine Park Pier as follows:

Mr. Dever from the Mayor's office and the bidders being present:

	Pier piles	Superstructure	Railing
Builders Iron Foundry, Providence, R.I.	$36. per ft.	$ 11.450	$ 1,085.
Shailer & Schniglau, Chicago, Ill.	35.75	11,300.	1,125

The bid of Shail. & Schniglau being the lowest was accepted and it was

Voted, that the Chairman be authorized to approve the bond and sign the contract with Shailer & Schniglau for building an extension of the Marine Park Pier in accordance with their proposal, the time for completing the same to be May 16th 1889 and the amount of bond $8000.

Voted, that the Chairman approve the final estimate under the contract with the Lanesville Granite Company notwithstanding the limit of time and penalty under said contract.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston November 9, 1888.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present Mess Dean, Maguire & Andrew. also present Mess. Olmsted, Jackson & Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read & approved.

Boston, Oct. 26. 1888.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present, Mess. Dean, Maguire & Andrew, also present Mess. J.C. Olmsted and E.W. Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

Police reports for the week were read.

A copy of the amendments to the Civil Service Rules approved by the Governor and Council September 19. 1888, was received and placed on file.

Voted. That the Chairman approve the final estimate under the contract with P. J. Dinn for iron railings for the Charles River Embankment notwithstanding the time limit in said contract.

Voted, that the Chairman approve the final estimate under the contract with John O'Leary for filling and riprap under West Boston Bridge, notwithstanding the time limit in said contract.

Voted, that the time for completing the Overlook Shelter House at Franklin Park under the contract with Creesy and Noyes, dated June 22. 1888, be extended to December 15, 1888.

Geo. F. Clarke
Secy.

Boston November 2. 1888.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present Mess. Dean and Maguire also present Mess. Olmsted & Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read & approved.

Police reports for the week were read.

Voted, that the Engineer in charge report what

materials will be required and such preparations are expedient to facilitate next season's work in order that no delays may occur.

Voted, that the Engineer in charge prepare plans and secure proposals for the erection of a fence, similar to that discussed in the Board on such parts of the Back Bay Fens as he shall deem desirable to be fenced, and in the mean time place temporary fences where he may deem them necessary.

Voted, that in order to give the men employed on the parks an opportunity to vote at the State and municipal elections they be allowed to quit work at noon on the days of said elections without loss of pay.

Voted, that Thomas Finnerty be appointed a park keeper with the powers of a park police officer under the conditions stated in the vote of this Board of June 8th 1888. appointing laborers to be park keepers.

A communication was received from the City Architect enclosing a proposal from Orcutt & Noyes to put sky lights &c. on the Overlook House for the sum of $175.- which was referred to Mr. Olmsted for approval if he found the proposed arangement satisfactory.

Geo. F. Clarke
Sec'y

Boston November, 9. 1888.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present Messrs. Dean, Maguire & Andrew also present Messrs Olmsted, Jackson & Howe

The record of the last meeting was read & approved

Police reports for the week were read.

Voted, that John Healey be appointed a park-

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Keeper under the usual conditions.

Voted, that the City Architect be requested to place an inspector of Plumbing over the work being done at the Overlook Shelter House at an expense not exceeding fifty dollars.

Voted, that the Chairman approve the final estimate under the contract with the Berlin Iron Bridge Co. notwithstanding the limit of time in said contract.

Voted, that the Chairman approve the final estimate under the contract with the Builders Iron Foundry notwithstanding the limit of time in said contract.

Geo. H. Clarke, Sec'y.

Boston November 16, 1888.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present, Messrs. Dean and Maguire; also present Messrs Olmsted and Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

Police reports for the week were read.

A communication from Thomas McNally and others a committee of L.A. 7076 K. of L. intimating discriminations against some of the men by the foreman at the Charles River Embankment was received and the Secretary was directed to ask that the charges be presented in writing.

Voted, that the Chairman approve the final estimate under the contract with Charles Linehan for supplying loam for the Charles River Embankment notwithstanding the limit of time in said contract, and that the City Auditor be requested to pay the same, provided that the amount of said estimate is received in full settlement of all claims under said contract.

Voted, that John H. Watson be paid for services in superintending construction of masonry

not exceeding one month at $1. per day provided that said amount is received in full settlement for all claims for services as aforesaid.

A communication was received from Mr. Edwin De Merritte desiring on the part of himself and others to use land belonging to the City on the Muddy River Improvement for a toboggan slide, with the privilege of putting up a stand to start from, which will be removed and the land vacated at any time they are notified to do so. The communication was placed on file and the Secretary was directed to notify Mr. De Merritte that the Commissioners had no objection to the use of the land as indicated.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'd.

Boston November 23. 1888.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present Messrs Dean and Maguire - also present Messrs J.C. Olmsted and E.W. Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

Police reports for the week were read.

Mr. Bateman, the City Architect, came before the Board in reference to the plumbing work at the Overlook Shelter House. He stated that the Water Board declined to approve of the arrangement for closets in the new building as provided for in the contract, and that he had requested J. N. Tucker who was doing the plumbing work for Creesy & Noyes to estimate the cost of changing them for those approved by the Water Department. He also got an estimate from Messrs Hussey Bro. for the same work which he presented for the information of the Board and desired

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early action that the work might not be delayed. The estimates or proposals for identical work were as follows:

J. N. Tucker	$ 2,934	Allowance for change in contract $325. credit for the Tarenio Water Closets and putting in.
Henry Hussey & Co.	1,985	

Mr. Bateman stated that the allowance would also be made by the contractors in case Henry Hussey & Co. did the work. It was thereupon,

Voted, that the Board accept the proposal of Henry Hussey & Co. for furnishing & putting in 33 short Hellyer hopper closets and fixtures at the Overlook Shelter House, as amended by adding the words "making it a complete job so that nothing further shall be required," and that the Chairman sign the agreement of the Board to said proposal.

The City Architect was also authorized to notify the contractors of the change. On another matter relating to the same work, J. N. Tucker estimated the difference between ½ in. plate as called for in the contract and one inch plate which it was intended to be, as amounting to fifty three dollars, and the City Architect was authorized to notify the contractors to make the change as stated.

The following communication was read and approved

"Architect's Department.
City of Boston,
City Hall, November 17, 1888.

"Park Commissioners,
" Benj. Dean, Chairman,
" Dear Sir.
" In order that the
" Contractors in charge of the construction of the
" Shelter House at Franklin Park might not
" be delayed in the progress of this work, I have
" arranged with J. J. Cuddihy to furnish the North
" River flagging stone at once for the sum of

" one hundred and seventy five ($175.) dollars.

" Respectfully,

" C. J. Bateman, City Architect.

The following communication was received, read and placed on file.

" Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

" Office of Civil Service Commission,

" 5 Pemberton Sq. Boston November 21, 1888.

" To the

" Board of Park Commissioners,

" Dear Sirs: I am

" instructed to inform you that, upon the represen-

" tation of Mr. E. W. Howe, Assistant Engineer, in

" regard to the duties of A. T. Brawley, said Brawley

" appears not to be within the present classified service.

" Very respectfully,

" Warren P. Dudley

" Secretary"

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, November 30. 1888.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A. M.

Present Mess. Dean, Maguire and Andrew, also present Mess. J. C. Olmsted, Jackson and Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read & approved.

Police reports for the week were read.

Mr. Bateman City Architect came before the Board in reference to the Shelter at Franklin Park.

He said that the contract does not provide for floors in the basement rooms devoted to the matron in charge and for storage, also shutters to close up the openings of the gallery in winter.

Mr. Bateman was thereupon authorized to obtain the estimate of the contractors for laying wood floors

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in certain parts of the basement of the Shelter House also for making wooden shutters and to order the work if the estimate is satisfactory.
Mr. Bateman also presented an estimate from Mess. Ingalls & Kendricken for putting in a steam Heating Apparatus for the sum of $790. and he was authorized to accept the same.
A communication was received from Mrs. N. M. Downer offering to sell her land required for the Muddy River Improvement for $18,500 provided that no betterments will be assessed on her remaining lands.

Geo. H. Clarke,
Secy.

Boston, December. 7. 1888.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A. M.
Present Mess. Dean, Maguire & Andrew, also present Mess. Jackson, Howe & J. C. Olmsted.
The record of the last meeting was read & approved.
Police reports for the week were read.

Geo. H. Clarke,
Secy.

Boston December 14, 1888.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A. M.
Present Mess. Dean & Andrew, also present Mess. Jackson, Howe & J. C. Olmsted. The record of the last meeting was read & approved. Police reports for the week were read.
Mr. Bateman, City Architect, came before the Board in reference to the matter refered to him at the last meeting and presented proposals for

laying wooden floors in basement of the Shelter and for providing shutters for the open front of the house from Cressy & Noyes, also for laying concrete floors in basement from Simpson Brothers, which were accepted and copies thereof placed on file for reference.

Mr. Howe reported in part on the question referred to him at the meeting of Nov. 2d. as to what materials will be required to facilitate next season's work, that to complete the Fenway to Huntington Entrance will require 3234 linear feet of curbstone and 39.000 paving-blocks and to complete Audubon Road to the Fen bridge will require 3024 lineal feet of curbstone and 35.000 paving-blocks.

It was thereupon,

Voted. that the City Engineer prepare specifications for curbstones and paving-blocks to complete the roadways from Westland Entrance to Huntington Entrance and from Agassiz Bridge to the Fen Bridge, and that the Chairman cause the same to be advertised if approved by him.

Voted. that the Engineer in Charge be directed to shut down the Dredging work at Back Bay, and all other work on the public parks, not absolutely necessary to be done this season on Saturday night December 15th.

Voted, that Officer Murphy express to the teamster who refused pay for carrying a man to the hospital the thanks of the Board for his humane act and that he return in his next report the name of the teamster and his doings under this vote.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, December 21. 1888.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A. M.

Present mess. Dean and Andrew, also present Mess. Jackson, Howe, and J. C. Olmsted.

The record of the last meeting was read & approved.

Police reports for the week were read.

A copy of a proposal of J. J. Cuddihy for furnishing flagging stone at the Shelter Franklin park for the sum of $87. approved by the City Architect was received and placed on file.

Whereas, pursuant to an act of this Board, passed December 27. 1879, a public park or parks was located and laid out in the City of Boston at an estimated expense of $465. 226.10 by taking in fee certain parcels of land belonging to several persons and parties, whereof a parcel of land therein stated as containing 3482 square feet, more or less, belonged to Davis Johnson et al, as appears by said act, and, whereas the area of said parcel is now found to be 11.300 9/10 square feet, as shown on a plan drawn by Wm. H. Whitney, Civil Engineer, dated December 17. 1888, a copy of which is on file at this office, it is therefore hereby

Voted. that the sum of one thousand one hundred and thirty dollars be awarded and paid to said Davis Johnson et al. for damages caused by the taking and laying out of said parcel of land, containing 11.300 9/10 square feet, as a public park, as aforesaid, upon their giving a proper release or acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs, and expenses in consequence of said taking satisfactory to the City Solicitor, and that the Chairman sign a request on the Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for "Public Park Lands."

A communication was made to the Mayor regarding the work of the Department for the past year to

accompany the inaugural address of Mayor Ed. H. Hart as was requested by the mayor, (see L.B. 3-p 702)

The following was received:

City of Boston, In Board of Aldermen,
December, 3, 1888.

Ordered: that the order approved by the Mayor November 17, 1888, relating to the refunding of assessments for the Marine Park be, and hereby is, rescinded; that the City Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to pay to the following named persons (assessed betterments on account of the Marine Park) the amounts set against their respective names: that the balance of said assessments of said persons be abated, and that the Committee on finance provide the means for paying said amounts.

Bacon M. & C. F.	$ 93.00	Lovis. Heirs of Ambrose	383.00
Bellows Albert J.	558.00	McCarthy, Margaret (wife of Wm.)	66.00
Bent Geo. C. & C. C. F.	118.00	Pierce David M.	46.00
Bent Sarah E.	133.00	Preston Elizabeth & Persis V	106.00
Bieler Mary C.	180.00	Stapleton Nicholas and John Denning	106.00
Bowditch Wm. I. Trustee for James Jackson	1.174.00	Stevens George A.	154.00
Denny John W.	93.00	Stevens Wm. J. (trustee for Harriet W. Palmer)	439.00
Doe Howard A.	43.00	Swallow Calvin	145.00
Fayon Henry	895.00	Tyner William	300.00
Gleason Mary A.	118.00	Walcott Hannah M.	225.00
Hall Dexter A.	97.00	Stevens Wm. J.	736.
Ditto	93.00		
Loring, C. H., trustee, & Kate P. Chilson	91.00		

Passed. Sent down for concurrence. In Common Council, December 13. concurred. Approved by the Mayor December 17. 1888.

A true copy. Attest: John T. Priest Asst. City Clerk.

Geo. H. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, December 28. 1888.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A. M.

Present Mess. Dean, Maguire, & Andrew. also present Messrs Jackson, Howe & J. C. Olmsted:

The record of the last meeting was read & approved.

Police reports for the week were read.

The following was received and read.

"Boston, Dec. 24th. 1888.

"To the Honorable Board
" of Park Commissioners. Gentlemen.

In accordance
"with the notice received from your Hon Body Nov. 16. 88.
"to present in writing charges of discriminations &c.
"In reply we handed you a copy of the same on
"Nov. 26th 88. Since then we received no reply.
"I am hereby authorized by L. A 7576. K of L.
(Viz: Park Employes) to notify your Board that if
"immediate action is not taken we will not be
"responsible whatever action we take hereafter.

Respectfully Yours
"Thomas Mc. Nally. 4 Lovell Place City"

Mr. Howe thereupon made a report upon the charges against Foreman Murphy by Thomas Mc. Nally and others, which were refered to him for investigation and report. After consideration of the report and the above communication it was

Voted, that the complaints against Foreman Murphy are dismissed and that Thomas Mc. Nally, Thomas Madden and James Mc. Cormack be discharged from the Department force.

Voted, that the Engineer in Charge report further upon the matter of the taking away of stone belonging to the city as charged against Officer Carey.

The City Engineer was directed to see if any arrangement can be made with the Sewer Department to raise the shore of the island lying opposite

the new entrance of Stony Brook to be protected by riprap, and to report at the next meeting of the Board some plan for attaining the object desired.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, January, 4. 1889.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A. M.

Present Mess. Dean, Maguire & Andrew. also present Mess. F. L. & J. C. Olmsted and E. W. Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

Police reports for the week were read.

A communication was received from Helen P. Dole, asking for a change of line between her estate & Franklin Park by making an exchange of land adjoining Glen Road and the Secretary was directed to notify her that the Board would be glad to accommodate her if it were in its power, but that it was outside the power of the Board to do so.

A communication was received from Mrs. Lawrence Wiedemann offering to sell sods to the Department, to which the Secretary was directed to reply that the Board has no occasion to make purchases of sods.

Mr. Howe reported for the City Engineer that the Sewer Department had expended the appropriation for the Stony Brook Improvement and could not therefore do the work required to protect the shores of the island opposite the brook outlet. The Superintendent of Sewers further said that the Park Department could have any stone belonging to the Sewer Department which was available should it desire to do the work itself.

Voted, that Mrs. Downer's offer of November 24th to sell her land required for the Muddy River Improvement for $18.500 be accepted, provided that

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she will covenant and agree to hold her other lands fronting on the Parkway and to a depth of 100 feet therefrom subject to restrictions as to use substantially similar to the Commonwealth restrictions upon the lands fronting upon Commonwealth Avenue the set back however to be 25 feet and no building to exceed 60 feet in height to ceiling of extreme upper story. Park betterments to be assumed by the city.

Voted, that $10.000 be offered to F. V. Balch Trustee for the lands required from the Hancock Estate for the Muddy River Improvement with the same provisions as to set back and other restrictions as the Dorner lands.

Geo. H. Clarke,
Sec'd.

Boston, January 11. 1889.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A. M.

Present Mess. Dean and Andrew. also present Messrs F. L. & J. C. Olmsted and Mr. Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

Police reports for the week were read.

The following communication was received:

"West End Street Railway Company,
"Boston, Jan. 10. 1889.

"Park Commissioners,
"City of Boston. Gentlemen.

"I would respectfully "request for the West End St. Railway Co. permission to "temporarily erect upon strip of park land on North "side Beacon St. just beyond West Chester Park, a structure "about five feet square, and six feet high, as shelter "for trackman. The same to be neatly built and "painted, and removed at any time upon notice.

" from your body.

"Very respectfully

"D. F. Longstreet Genl. Manager."

Action in the matter was defered until the next meeting in order to give the Board an opportunity to visit the proposed location.

The annual circular of the City Auditor calling for estimates was received.

Mr. Olmsted presented some studies of a design for the end of the Marine Park pier which were discussed, Mr. Olmsted retaining the sketches for revision.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Secy.

Boston, January 12. 1889.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 12 M.

Present Messrs. Dean, Maguire and Andrew

The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

A petition signed by Henry M. Whitney for leave to place a building for the use of his company substantially as requested in the letter of the Genl. Manager presented at the last meeting was received.

The location of the proposed building petitioned for by the West End Street Railway Company was visited, and it was.

Voted, that the West End Street Railway Co. be permitted to place a small building upon the strip of park land on the north side of Beacon Street, opposite the end of its electric conduit for temporary use of employé in operating electric cars, under the condition that the building will be removed at any time when requested by the Board.

The Board also made an official call upon His Honor the Mayor.

Geo. F. Clarke.
Secy

Boston, January 18, 1889.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M.

Present Mess. Dean & Maguire, also present Messrs Olmsted & Jackson

The record of the last meeting was read & approved.

Police reports for the week were read.

Hon. P. A. Collins came before the Board to consult in regard to the Castle Island matter.

Mr. Olmsted presented plans for completing the pier head at Marine Park which were discussed together with some approximate estimates of cost by the City Engineer, and it was,

Voted. that the plans for the pier head at the Marine Park, submitted by Mr. Olmsted, entitled Basement & Elevation plans of Pier & dated Jan. 15, 1889. be adopted and that the City Engineer prepare detailed plans and specifications of the same preparatory to advertising for proposals.

Voted, that Mr. Olmsted be authorized to order the completion of the topographical survey of the Muddy River Valley by A. N. French, Civil Engineer, in connection with the work now being done in this direction by the town of Brookline preliminary to a final plan for its improvement.

Voted, that the Engineer in charge be authorized to start operations for opening the ledge and crushing stone for the roads at Franklin Park.

Voted, that the arrangement made with Mr. W. L. Fischer October 1, 1884. to serve as Assistant Landscape Gardener to the Park Department for three years from November 1. 1884, at a salary of $2,200 per annum and the use of a house and to devote his entire time to said service be herewith extended for three years from November 1. 1887. provided that he agrees to said extension of his contract in writing.

Voted. that an allowance of $200 per year be granted to the Assistant Landscape Gardener towards the

expenses of his horses in addition to his present salary and allowances.

Voted, that the salary of Charles G. Laurence be at the rate of $2,250 per annum from and after Dec. 20, 1888.

Geo. H. Clarke,
Secy.

Boston January 24. 1889.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A. M.

Present Mess. Dean, Maguire & Andrew. Also present Mess. Olmsted, Jackson & Stone.

The record of the last meeting was read & approved.

The City Engineer presented several plans with estimates for the construction of the Pier head: plan numbered three of which was approved, and it was,

Voted, that the City Engineer advertise for proposals for the construction of the Pier head under the direction of the Chairman, including the filling rip-rap parapet, piling masonry foundation for the superstructure and abutment wall, or such parts thereof as the Chairman may deem expedient.

Voted, that the Chairman approve the final estimate under the contract with the Metropolitan Construction Company notwithstanding that the amount of material delivered is less than the amount called for under the contract.

A communication was received from Augustus Rues asking if there was any prospect of the Commissioners taking Mr. Rents land adjoining the Arnold Arboretum as he desires to rebuild on the site where his house was burned down. Mr. Rues also suggested a meeting to confer in the matter.

Geo. H. Clarke,
Secy.

Boston January 25. 1889.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A. M.

Present Mess. Dean and Andrew. also present Mr. Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

Police reports for the week were read. Under the advertisement for bids for 6252 $\frac{53}{100}$ lineal feet of curbstone issued by the Board the following proposals were received and opened in the presence of the bidders and Mr. Sherburne from the Executive Department.

James J. Vernon	Lanesville. Mass.	$1.57	per lineal ft.
Rockport Granite Co.	Rockport.	" 1.59	" " "
Cape Ann Granite Co.	Bay View.	" 1.66	" " "
Albert A. Libby & Co.	Boston.	" 1.67	" " "
Pigeon Hill Granite Co.	Rockport.	" 2.47	" " "

The contract was awarded to James J. Vernon the lowest bidder, and it was

Voted, that the Chairman be authorized to sign a contract with James J. Vernon for furnishing the Department 6252 $\frac{53}{100}$ lineal feet of curbstone according to the terms of his proposal.

Voted, that the amount of bond required for the fulfillment of the contract be $3000 and that the names of E. & R. J. Lombard of Charlestown and Charles S. Rogers of Salem be accepted as bondsmen.

Voted, that the Chairman approve the final estimate under the contract with the Builders Iron Foundry for iron railing on the Marine Park Pier, notwithstanding the limit of time in said contract.

After full explanation by the Engineer in charge it was

Voted, that the Chairman approve the bill of the Worcester Iron Works for iron pipes amounting to $2343.52

Mr. Francis V. Balch came before the Board on invitation in reference to his letter of the 24th inst. declining the offer of the Commissioners of $10.000 for the land required from the Catherine D. Hancock estate for the Muddy River Improvement, but offering to accept 20 cents per foot

for the land in question. After some discussion Mr. Balch agreed to accept one half the difference between the two amounts in addition to the Commissioners offer, subject to the approval of Mrs. Page for whom he is the trustee, and agreeing to all the restrictions proposed by the Commissioners to attach to his remaining land, providing also that no betterments shall be assessed.

General order for Departments to report - in print - received.

The report of the Board for 1888 was adopted and ordered to be printed for presentation to the City Council.

Geo. H. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, Feb. 1. 1889.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A. M.

Present Mess. Dean & Maguire. Mr. Andrew being absent from the City. Also present Mess. Olmsted Jackson, & Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read & approved.

Police reports for the week were read.

A communication was received from F. V. Balch to the effect that Mrs. Page had decided to accept the proposed compromise in settlement for the lands of the Hancock Estate desired by the Commissioners. The matter was referred to the Chairman with power to conclude an arrangement with Mr. Balch under such terms as he may conclude to be reasonable.

The following was received and read.

"City of Boston.

"In Board of Aldermen, January 21. 1889.

"Ordered: That, in view of the rapidly increasing

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"population of the Charlestown District and the entire
"absence of any public park or playground in its
"limits, the Board of Park Commissioners be requested
"to consider the expediency of acquiring or purchasing
"the whole or parts of certain lands herein specified,
"viz: Tufts Mill Pond containing about eleven acres and
"having a frontage on Alford Street of 840 feet; marsh
"lands of about 100 acres in Somerville, 700 feet from
"Charlestown line on Mystic Avenue and opposite
"Convent property, or the lands bounded by Bunker
"Hill, Quincy, Medford, and North Mead Streets.
"Passed. Sent down for concurrence. Jan. 24, came up concurred
"Approved by the Mayor January 26. 1889.
"A true copy. Attest: John T. Priest
Asst. City Clerk."

There was also received a communication from Rev. James N. Supple of S. Francis De Sales Church Charlestown in reference to the same matter which was also read and placed on file.

Voted: that the Chairman approve the final estimate under the contract with M. J. Dinn for furnishing and erecting an iron fence on the Charles River Embankment notwithstanding the limit of time in said contract.

Voted: that the time for completing the Shelter at Franklin Park under the contract with Creesy & Noyes be extended to March 1. 1889.

Voted: that the Chairman be authorized to petition the Legislature in the name of the Board that buildings erected upon public parks in the city of Boston may be exempted from the conditions and provisions of the building laws.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, February 8. 1889.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A. M.

Present Messrs. Dean, Maguire & Andrew. Also present Messrs Olmsted & Harris.

The record of the last meeting was read & approved.

Police reports for the week were read.

Mr. Russ & Mr. Kent came before the Board in the matter referred to by Mr. Russ in his letter of January 23d 1889. At the suggestion of the Board Mr. Russ will endeavor to get an offer from the other owners of land adjoining his which he will then offer to the Commissioners for an addition to the Arboretum lands.

A communication was received from Francis J. Parker in regard to the matter of the Ridge estate at Jamaica Pond and the Secretary was directed to reply to the inquiry made by Mr. Parker and also to see him in the matter.

A letter was received from William Channahan in regard to the matter of securing a public park for Charlestown which was read and placed on file.

Mr. Horne presented the specifications for the work of building the pier head at Marine Park which were approved.

The Chairman stated that he had petitioned the Board of Harbor & Land Commissioners for a license upon which a hearing would be held next Thursday.

The City Engineer was directed to advertise for proposals for 70.000 paving blocks for completing the portions of Audubon Road and the Fenway expected to be finished this year.

Geo. H. Clarke
Secy.

Boston, February 14. 1889.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M.

Present Messrs. Dean & Maguire. Mr. Andrew being absent from the city; also present messrs Olmsted, Jackson & Storr.

The record of the last meeting was read & approved.

A hearing was given to citizens of Charlestown on the order of the City Council requesting the Board to consider the expediency of securing a park in that district.

Aldermen B. F. Murray & others addressed the Board substantially as given in the report on file.

Mr. Page came before the Board in reference to the purchasing of the Downer & Hancock lands for park purposes. He declined to accept less than 20 cents per foot for the Hancock lands, the Board thereupon proposed further restrictions which he will consider.

Mr. Jackson asked the Board to pass on the question as to what papers he should advertise the contract for Pier head in, and it was,

Voted: that in consequence of the character of the work to be done on the Pier head it is necessary that the advertisement for proposals for its construction should be inserted in all the daily papers and not be limited to four; also that it be inserted in the Engineering News & Sanitary Engineer.

The Engineer in charge reported that 90.000 paving blocks will be required at Franklin Park this season and it was,

Voted: that the City Engineer advertise for proposals for furnishing 90,000 paving blocks for Franklin Park.

Voted: that the Assistant Landscape Gardener be authorized to purchase seeds to an amount not exceeding $30.

Geo. F. Clarke
Sec'y.

Boston, February 15, 1889.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present messrs Dean and Maguire. Mr. Andrew being absent from the city. Also present Messrs Jackson & Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

Police reports for the week were read.

A communication was received from F. V. Balch, Trustee under the will of Catherine D. Hancock, accepting the proposition of the Board of 20 cts. per foot for the land proposed to be taken for the Muddy River Improvement from the Hancock Estate, and accepting the restrictions on the adjoining land proposed by the Commissioners; the City to assume all betterments assessed upon said Estate on account of said improvement.

Mr. Nilby Page also notified the Board that Mrs. Dorner had agreed to the same restrictions under her offer of November 24th on file

Voted: that there be purchased of Francis V. Balch, Trustee, and Anna Catherine Page, for the purposes of a public park, two certain parcels of land on Fremont and Dorner streets, in the City of Boston, containing 53.031 8/10 square feet, and 10.709 square feet respectively, and being shown on a plan of a part of proposed Muddy River Improvement, drawn by Alexis H. French, Civil Engineer, dated December 1888, on file in the office of the park Commissioners; and that there be paid to the said Francis V. Balch, Trustee, and Anna Catherine Page the sum of Twelve thousand seven hundred and forty eight and 16/100 dollars upon their giving a deed for the same, together with all their right title and interest in and to said Dorner Street, satisfactory to the City Solicitor, containing the limitation for said purposes, a release of all grade damages, in consequence of the laying out and construction of said

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park, and an agreement that the City shall assume and pay all betterments that may be assessed upon their adjoining land on account of the laying out of said land as a public park, also a covenant that for the further consideration that the City of Boston shall construct along the boundary line of the park, within said parcels of land, a roadway and walk to which the grantors and their heirs, successors, and assigns (owners or occupants of grantors adjoining lands.) shall have free access, with the right to use the same, subject to such reasonable rules and regulations as may from time to time be made by the Park Commissioners, or by any other Board or Department having for the time being the control and management of said park, the grantors, their heirs, successors, and assigns will hold their remaining land abutting upon said park, and to a depth of one hundred feet therefrom, subject to the following restrictions, which shall be inserted or referred to in any conveyance hereafter made by said grantors of the whole or any part of said restricted land:

1. No building erected or placed upon said premises shall be used for a livery or public stable, or for any mechanical, mercantile, or manufacturing purposes, nor shall exceed five stories in height above the basement or cellar, nor exceed 60 feet in height from the mean grade of the edgestone or sidewalk in front to the ceiling of the extreme upper story, excepting Churches or Chapels, and no roof shall be used for laundry or clothes-drying purposes.

2. No wooden house arranged for more than one family, nor wooden block consisting of more than two houses, nor wooden house or block standing at a distance less than five feet from the side line of the lot upon which the same is placed, and no wooden house costing less than $5,000, nor brick or stone house costing less than $7,000 nor

apartment house costing less than $4,000. per suite of apartments, exclusive in each case of the cost of the land, shall be erected or placed upon said premises.

3. No building shall be erected or placed upon said premises within twenty-five feet from the exterior line of said park; provided that steps, windows porticos, and other usual projections appurtenant to the front wall of a building are to be allowed in this reserved space of twenty-five feet, subject to the following limitations viz:

First, that no projection of any kind (other than door steps and balustrades connected therewith, and also cornices at the roof of the building) shall extend more than five feet from the rear line of the aforesaid space:

Second, that no projections in the nature of a bay-window, corner-bay circular front, or octagon front, with the foundation wall sustaining the same (such foundation wall being a projection of the front wall) will be allowed, excepting oriel windows above the first story on a street corner, unless any horizontal sections of such projections would fall within the external lines of trapezoids the sum of whose bases upon the rear line of the aforesaid space does not exceed seven-tenths of the whole front of the building, and the base of any one of which trapezoids does not exceed eighteen feet, and whose side lines make an angle of forty-five degrees with the base; and each house in a block shall be considered a seperate building within the meaning of this limitation.

The restrictions above set forth shall continue in force so long as such roadway and walk shall be maintained by said City of Boston and the grantors, their heirs, successors, and assigns as owners of grantor's adjoining lands,

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shall have free access thereto and liberty to use the same for the purposes of a way, subject to the rules and regulations aforesaid; and that the Chairman sign a request on the Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Muddy River Improvement.

Voted. that there be purchased of Nancy M. Dorrner, for the purposes of a public park, two certain parcels of land on Brookline Avenue in the City of Boston containing respectively 148.943 square feet and 71.989 square feet, more or less, and being shown on a "plan of a part of proposed Muddy River Improvement," drawn by Alexis A. French, Civil Engineer, dated September 1. 1882. on file at the office of this Board and that there be paid, to the said Nancy M. Downer the sum of Eighteen thousand five hundred dollars upon her giving a deed for the same, together with all her right title and interest in and to that part of Francis street adjoining said premises, satisfactory to the City Solicitor, containing the limitation for said purposes, a release of all grade damages in consequence of the laying out and construction of said park, and an agreement that the City shall assume and pay all betterments that may be assessed upon her adjoining lands on account of the laying out of said land as a public park, also containing in full the covenant and restrictions set forth in the vote of this Board of this date to purchase land of Frances V. Balch Trustee etal.; and that the Chairman sign a request on the Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Muddy River Improvement.

Voted. that the City Council be requested to provide appropriations for the public Parks

as follows:

Park Maintenance . .	$ 35.000
Park Department office expenses	7.500
Park Nursery . . .	6.000
Planting Harbor Islands . .	5.000
	$ 53.500

Also that the following explanation thereof be sent to the City Auditor:

These amounts are based upon the expenditures of last year for the Department office and Nursery which were $ 7.249.77 and $ 5.938.16 respectively.

The appropriation requested for Park Maintenance is based upon estimates for the several parks as follows:

Care of Grounds & Buildings.

Franklin Park.

Repairing cleaning & watering roads.	$ 3.000.	
Shelter house janitor, labor, fuel, &c. .	2.500.	
Care of Playstead green . .	500.	6.000.
Back Bay Fens.		
Repairing, cleaning & watering roads.	3.000.	
Care of Plantations . .	1.000.	4.000.
Charles River Embankment.		
Director of Gymnasium .	1.200.	
Sub Keeper. . . .	800.	
Care of Grounds . .	500.	
Fuel, gas &c . .	500.	3.000.
Marine Park.		
Matron, Fuel. gas &c.		2.000.
Arnold Arboretum.		
Watchman, Repairing cleaning & Watering roads.		1.500.
Total for care of Grounds & Buildings		16.500.
Park Police		
Pay of Police & Park Keepers . . .		18.500.
Total . .		$ 35.000.

Voted. that in lieu of P. H. Brady's services as a special police officer in this Department being offset by the rent of the house occupied by him at

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Franklin Park, as has heretofore been done under vote of the Board of August 12. 1884, and subsequent agreement, he be allowed twenty-five cents per hour for actual service as certified by the Sergeant of Police, and pay such rent for his house as may be fixed by the Purchasing Agent after examination by him.

Geo. F. Clarke, Sec'y

Boston Feb. 23. 1889

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present Mess. Andrew & Fenno. Mr. Dean being absent from the city. Mr. Maguire and Mess. Olmsted, Jackson & Storrow were also present.

The record of the last meeting was read & approved.

Police reports for the week were read:

The following were received.

" City Clerk's Office

" Boston Feb. 20. 1889.

" I hereby certify that on this date Isaac Fenno, " having been duly appointed by the Mayor and " Aldermen as a Park Commissioner in the place " of Patrick Maguire whose term has expired, " appeared and subscribed his acceptance of said " office. Attest:

John T. Priest, asst. city clerk.

" United States Engineer Office.

" Boston, Mass. February 19, 1889.

" Mr. Benjamin Dean,

" Chairman of Board of Park Commissioners

" 76 Mich St. Boston. Mass.

" Sir: I have the honor to inform " you that the Board of Engineers, U.S. Army, constituted by direction of the Secretary of War, to " consider the subject of harbor lines for the City

" of Boston, will hold a public meeting at this
" office on Tuesday February 26. 1889. 11 A.M.

Very respectfully
S. Mansfield
Lt. Col. of Engineers.

" City of Boston.
Mayor's Office.

" To the Honorable the Board of Park Commissioners.

" Your attention is called to an order of the Hon-
" orable the City Council, approved on February 13.
" 1889. and providing that the Mayor ask the heads
" of the several departments of the City of Boston to
" allow a holiday on April 30. to such persons in
" their departments as may belong to any Grand
" Army Posts or to military and veteran organiza-
" tions that will attend in a body the Centennial Cel-
" ebration of George Washington's Inauguration
" as President of the United States, to be held in
" New York on April 30. 1889: said holiday to be grant-
" ed without loss of pay, this privilege to be part
" compensation for the services rendered by such
" persons to the City.

Thomas N. Hart.

" February 15, 1889. Mayor. "

" Boston, Mass, Feb. 15. 1889.

" Hon. Benjamin Dean.
" Chairman of Boston Park Commissioners.
" Dear Sir:-

" Referring to our recent
" conversation in relation to the enterprise of establish-
" ing a Zoological Garden, Aquaria, etc. in the Parks,
" where as Chairman of the Committee on conference rep-
" resenting the Society of Natural History" I aimed
" to show you how greatly the early beginning of
" this enterprise would be facilitated provided the
" Commissioners could see their way clear to repair and
" put the Largent House in a tenable condition for

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"the Society, I write this to express my great "disappointment that no decision on the part of "the Commissioners has been arrived at previous to "your departure from home to be absent as I under- "stand for several weeks. Cannot you pay to the "members of the new Board before you leave that "you approve of doing what I have requested to have "done? I think if the work can go on as now begun, "we will gain one whole year at least in the time "of making a substantial beginning.

"Yours truly, W. D. Ross."

The last preceeding communication was laid before the Board by the Secretary who stated that the Chairman had received it previous to his departure and requested that the Board take such action as it saw fit, and if his opinion was desired he would write upon receiving notice of any contemplated action.

The matter was then laid upon the table.

Mr. Olmsted was authorized to extend the courtesy of a drive around the parks to Mr. R. P. Hammond Jr. President San Francisco Park Commission now visiting this city.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, Feb. 26. 1889.

Commissioners Andrew & Fenno, with the Secretary, and Mr. Olmsted attended the meeting of the Board of Engineers U. S. Army, appointed to consider the subject of harbor lines for the City of Boston at 11 A.M. in relation to the Harbor lines at the Marine Park.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, March 1, 1889.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A. M. Present Mess. Andrew & Fenno. Mr. Dean being absent from the city, also present Mess. J. D. Olmsted, Jackson & Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read & approved.

Police reports for the week were read.

Proposals were received and opened for 70.000 paving blocks for The Parkway Back Bay and 90000 paving blocks for Franklin Park, Mr. Sherburne from the Mayor's office being present, Viz.:

		Parkway.	Franklin Park.
Cape Ann Granite Co.	per M.	$ 58.00	
D. Rusk & Co. Gloucester	" "	56.00	
Lanesville Granite Co	" "	55.00	55.00
S. & R. J. Lombard	" "	45.00	47.85

Voted, that the contracts for furnishing 70.000 paving blocks for the Parkway and 90.000 paving blocks for Franklin Park be awarded to S. & R. J. Lombard at $45. and $47.85 respectively, and that the Chairman pro-tem, be authorized to sign the contracts.

Voted, that Horatio Gore and Michael Lombard be accepted as bondsmen, and that the amount of bonds required be fixed at $1.000 & $1.500 respectively.

Mr. Olmsted presented plans for the Fen bridge which were discussed and it was

Voted, that the plans for the Fen bridge submitted by Mr. Olmsted be approved and that the City Engineer prepare detailed plans and specifications for building the same and submit them for further action by the Board.

The City Engineer submitted & explained the following communication:

"Office of City Engineer, City Hall,
Boston March 1st 1889.

Hon. John F. Andrew, Chairman pro-tem.

March 1. 1889.

Board of Park Commissioners.

Dear Sir: I wish to call to your attention the necessity for bracing or rebuilding a portion of the Stony Brook Covered Channel before the driveways and grounds are finished, and recommend that it be strengthened by inside bracing from the gate chamber for about 600 feet at an estimated expence of $2.000.

Yours respectfully,
William Jackson, City Engineer.

And it was

Voted: that the City Engineers letter in regard to repairing the Covered Channel of Stony Brook be sent to the City Council with a request for an appropriation of $2.000 (see Letter Book 3. p. 718)

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'd.

Boston, March 8. 1889

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A. M.
Present messrs Andrew & Penno. Mr. Dean being absent from the City. Also present Mess. Olmsted, Cheney, and Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read & approved.

Police reports for the week were read.

Proposals for building the Pierhead at Marine Park were received and opened in the presence of the bidders and of Mr. Sherburne from the Mayor's office.

They were as follows:

Bidder and Address.	Items & Estimated Quantities.																Total $
	a		b		c		d		e		f		g				
	Filling.		Ballast		Rip-Rap		Piles.		Portland Concrete		Wall Masonry		Parapet Wall.				
	39500 Cub. yds.		5700 Tons.		4100 Tons.		435		338 Cub. yds.		369 Cub. yds.		495 Lin. feet.				
Joseph E. White. Boston.	0.45	17775.00	1.80	10260.00	3.00	12300.00	4.00	1740.00	7.00	2366.00	10.00	3690.00	6.00	2970.00			51101.00
Thomas A. Rowe Boston & Newton Mass.	0.72	28440.00	1.22	6954.00	2.50	10250.00	6.67	2901.45	8.00	2704.00	17.76	6553.44	4.60	2277.00			60079.89
Boynton Brothers Boston & Prov. R. I.	0.65	25675.00	1.30	7410.00	3.62	14842.00	4.50	1957.50	7.50	2535.00	15.80	5830.20	10.00	4950.00			63199.70
C. T. Derry & Co. Boston & Sharon. Mass.	0.72½	28637.50	1.15	6555.00	2.66	10906.00	7.45	3240.75	8.00	2704.00	24.75	9132.75	9.70	4801.50			65977.50
C. W. Parker & Co. Boston & Rockport. Mass.	0.70	27650.00	1.40	7980.00	4.00	16400.00	6.00	2610.00	8.00	2704.00	16.00	5904.00	12.00	5940.00			69188.00
John Cavanagh. Boston & Braintree. Mass.	0.78	30810.00	1.38	7866.00	3.00	12300.00	9.60	4176.00	9.60	3244.80	27.30	10073.70	8.40	4158.00			72628.50
Hugh Nawn. Boston.	0.75	29625.00	2.50	14250.00	3.25	13325.00	8.50	3697.50	13.00	4394.00	25.00	9225.00	8.20	4059.00			78575.50

The matter was then taken under advisement.

Mr. Fenno presented the following communication from His Honor the Mayor together with its enclosure both of which were read and placed on file.

"Mayor's office, City Hall, Boston,

" Dear Mr. Fenno.

" I hand you a letter received
" at this office in relation to Parks. I know
" the writer and he is a good citizen and lives
" on the border of the Park

" Thomas N. Hart.

" March 4th " 1889.

Geo. F. Clarke.
Sec'y.

Boston March 11. 1889.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 12 m. Present mess. Andrew and Fenno. Mr. Dean being absent from the city - also present mess. Cheney & Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read & approved.

The Secretary stated that Mr. Joseph E. White had sent in the names of Owen A. Galvin U. S. District Attorney, Joseph P. Emond, carriage builder, and J. L. Perkins, Engineer Five Cents Savings Bank, all of Boston, for bondsmen.

Mr. Jos. E. White and Mr. Seth Perkins also came before the Board in reference to the proposal for building the pier head made by Mr. White and the acceptance or rejection of the names submitted for bondsmen. Mr. White was asked to send in additional names, those submitted not being considered satisfactory. It was also

Voted: that Joseph E. White's proposal for building the pier head at the Marine Park be accepted, and that the contract be awarded to him if he can furnish satisfactory sureties on his bond for $ 15.000 for the faithful performance of the contract.

Geo. A. Clarke,
Secy.

Boston, March 15. 1889.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A. M. Present mess. Andrew and Fenno. Mr. Dean being absent from the City. Also present Messrs Olmsted, Jackson & Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read & approved

Police reports for the week were read.

A petition from the Evangelical Alliance asking

for the removal of the restrictions against preaching on the public parks, and for a public hearing thereon, was received and laid on the table until the return of the Chairman.

Several applications for positions as Janitor at the Shelter Franklin Park etc. were received and placed on file.

Mr. Dore Chairman of the Board of Street Commissioners and the City Surveyor were before the Board in reference to the widening of Columbia Street and the extension of Sigourney Street.

A hearing was given to Edward Fitz William on a communication from him to Mr. Fanno in regard to the discharge of Thomas Mc. Nally and others from the labor force last December.

Mr. Joseph E. White sent in the following additional names for sureties on his bond.

John T. Scully. Pile driver. Cambridge.
Patrick F. Mc. Donald. Iron dealer Boston.
H. W. Hunt. Nepponset. After discussion it was

Voted: that Joseph P. Emond, John T. Scully, and Patrick F. Mc. Donald be accepted as bondsmen under the contract awarded to Joseph E. White, and that the City Engineer notify Mr. White of the acceptance of said names, and prepare the contract and bond for their signatures.

Voted: that the plans of the Department building to be erected on the Charles River Embankment prepared by the City Architect from designs by the Landscape Architects and submitted by him with specifications be approved, with slight modifications in regard to the plumbing &c, which were referred to Mr. Olmsted for correction, and that the City Architect be authorized to alter the plans and specifications to conform thereto and to advertise for proposals to be received and opened March 29th.

After adjournment the Commissioners attended a meeting of the Committee on Parks of the City Council in reference to the annual estimates.

Geo. H. Clarke, Sec'y.

Boston, March 22. 1889.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A. M. Present Mess. Andrew & Fenno, Mr. Dean being absent from the City, also present Mess. Olmsted, Jackson & Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read & approved.

Police reports for the week were read.

Mr. Perkins letter to Mr. Jackson stating that Mr. Scully had withdrawn his name as bondsman on Mr. White's contract, was placed on file.

Mr. White accompanied by Mr. Perkins also came before the Board, and it was,

Voted: that Owen A. Galvin, Joseph P. Emond, and Patrick F. Mc. Donald be accepted as bondsmen under the contract awarded to Joseph E. White, and that the Chairman pro. tem. be authorized to sign the contract.

A copy of the Act relating to Buildings in the public Parks of the City of Boston, being Chapter 129 of the Acts of the year 1889 - Approved March 19. 1889. being received it was

Voted: that the Fire Commissioners be requested to pass upon the question if in their opinion the erection of wooden buildings on the Charles River Embankment as shown on the plan of said embankment, herewith submitted, would endanger buildings beyond the limits of the park.

Voted: that Mr. Olmsted be authorized to purchase trees and shrubs to an amount not exceeding $250.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, April 1. 1889.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11 A.M. Present, Mess. Dean and Andrew: Mr. Fenno being absent from the city, also present Mess. Olmsted, Jackson, & Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

The proposals for erecting a building on the Charles River Embankment to be used in connection with the Gymnasium Grounds, which were received March 29th. were opened in the presence of one of the bidders and Mr. Sherburne from the Executive Department, & were as follows:

W. H. Keyes & Co.	Boston. .	$ 8.407
John French.	" . .	8.760

The bids were taken under advisement and later after some enquiries concerning the proposed contract with Mr. W. H. Keyes, it was,

Voted: That the contract for erecting a Department building on the Charles River Embankment be awarded to W. H. Keyes & Co. the lowest bidder for the sum of $8.407. and that the Chairman be authorized to approve the bond and sign the contract.

Voted: that the amount of bond required be fixed at $2.500.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, April 5. 1889.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 12.30 P.M. Present Mess. Dean & Andrew. Mr. Fenno being absent from the City, also present Mess. Olmsted and Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read & approved, also read police reports for two weeks.

A communication was received from the Civil Service Commissioners, dated March 22. 1889, asking to be

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informed of the names of the laborers employed in guarding the Park grounds, and the number of days each man has served in such capacity since May 28. 1888, & referring to the correspondence which was had in regard to the matter at that time.

The Secretary was directed to prepare a reply giving the information desired.

A communication was received from the Harvard Improvement Association enclosing a resolution adopted by the Association suggesting to the Park Commissioners "a plan for making a terminus or general passenger Station in the centre of Franklin Park for all street railway communication for passengers to and from the Park", which was read & placed on file.

Alderman Stacey and Augustus Russ called concerning the matters upon which they have previously been before the Board.

Voted, that the Shelter at Franklin Park be insured for $ 20.000 for five years at 1% as specially rated by the Board of Fire Underwriters.

Geo. F. Clarke, Sec'y.

Boston, April 20. 1889.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A. M. Present, Messrs. Dean & Andrew, Mr. Sinn being absent from the city, also present Messrs. Olmsted & Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read & approved.

His Honor the Mayor called to consult with the Commissioners in regard to the proposed building to be erected on the Charles River Embankment.

Voted, that H. A. M. Elenen be permitted to send up rockets at the Marine Park on April 20th. present.

Voted, that officer Barry be allowed full pay for absence owing to injury incurred in the discharge of his duty.

Voted, that special officer Connolly be required to return his Police buttons to the Department, and perform the duties of a night watchman, at the Embankment until further notice.

Voted, that the Secretary notify Mrs. Trenihan to resume her duties as Matron at the Marine Park refectory.

Voted, that the Assistant Engineer in charge be instructed to discharge from the Department force Foreman E. H. Reed for insubordination.

Voted, that on and after April 20th the pay of two horse teams shall be $ 5.- per day.

The following being received.

"City of Boston: Mayor's Office.
April 19. 1889.

"Under the Resolve approved on March 21. 1889.
"the 22d day of April is "a legal public holiday".
"Heads of Departments are requested to govern
"themselves accordingly. The City-Hall and all
"other offices of the City will be closed on April
"22. Thomas N. Hart, Mayor.
"To the Park Commissioners".

It was

Voted, that the usual rule regarding legal holidays as applied to the Department force be followed on April 22d.

Voted, that the pay of the following subordinates be increased as indicated, viz:

Hugh Watson,	Foreman	from $ 4.60	to $5.00 p/day
James E. Bean.	do.	" 3.50	to 4.50 "
James Dolan.	Blacksmith.	" 2.50	to 2.75 "
Thomas F. Mc. Donald.	Gardener.	" 2.25	to 2.50 "
Peter Mc. Manns.	do.	" 1.75	to 2.00 "
William Fischer.	Water boy	" 1.00	to 1.50 "

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Peter Coleman.	Carpenter.	from $2.25	to 2.50 pr. day.
Harry E. Field.	Clerk.	" 2.75	to 3.00 " "
W. H. Timson.	do.	" 2.25	to 2.50 " "
A. T. Brawley.	Aid.	" 2.25	to 2.50 " "
M. J. Cook.	Asst. Engineer	" 1.00	to 2.00 " "
Charles E. Putnam.	do. do.	" 6.00	to 6.00 " "
Charles E. Houghton.	Transitman.	" 2.75	to 3.25 " "
E. K. Brown.	Leveler.	" 2.25	to 2.75 " "
Thomas J. Murphy.	Rodman.	" 1.75	to 2.00 " "
George A. Clough.	do.	" 1.50	to 2.00 " "
Fred. W. Jackson.	do.	" 1.25	to 1.50 " "
M. P. Almeida.	do.	" 1.00	to 1.50 " "

Voted, that the Assistant Engineer in charge be authorized to appoint Mr. George P. Kendrick his assistant in charge of the Playstead district of Franklin Park at a salary of $100.00 per month from April 14th.

Voted, that there be purchased of Daniel Madden, for the purposes of a public park, a certain parcel of land situated on the westerly side of Downer Street, in the City of Boston, containing 3000 square feet, and shown on a "plan of a part of proposed Muddy River Improvement" drawn by Alexis H. French, C. E. dated September 1, 1887, on file at the office of this Board and that there be paid to the said Daniel Madden the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars upon his giving a deed for the same, satisfactory to the City Solicitor containing the limitation for said purposes, and that the Chairman sign a request on the Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for "Muddy River Improvement".

Geo. H. Clarke.
Sec'y

Boston, April 26. 1889.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A. M. Present, Messrs. Dean, Andrew, & Fenno. Also present Messrs. Olmsted & Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read & approved.

Police reports for the last three weeks were read.

The following was received and placed on file.

"Franklin Park April 26. 1889.

"Mr. G. F. Clarke, Dear Sir. Having received "a communication from you, stating that the time of "my service is extended for three years from Nov. 1. 1887, "I hereby agree and express my satisfaction with "this arrangement. Yr. Truly, W. L. Fischer."

The following being received.

"Boston April 6. 1889.

"To the Park Commissioners, Dear Sirs:- Allow me "to inquire whether you will give permission to the "management of the "Fresh Air Fund" to have a "series of picnics at Franklin Park during the two "weeks following July 8th". Respy. D. W. Waldron."

It was,

Voted: that Rev. D. W. Waldron be given permission to hold a series of picnics, under the management of the Fresh Air Fund at Franklin Park during the two weeks commencing July 8, subject to Park Ordinances, and under the direction of the Sergeant of Police.

A proclamation having been issued by His Honor the Mayor recommending the observance of April 30th. the Centenary of George Washington's inauguration as the first President of the United States as a general holiday as recommended by the National Government it was

Voted: that the usual rule regarding [illegible] holidays be followed in this Department on April 30. next.

Voted: that the Engineer in charge be authorized to exchange his buggy for a new one by the

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payment of not exceeding two hundred dollars.

Voted: that Raban Victor Knüpfer be appointed a park keeper with the powers of park police officer under the conditions stated in the vote of this Board of June 8. 1888.

The following was received.

Boston April 10. 1889.

Hon. Board of Park Com^rs

City of Boston, Gentlemen: I am ready and desirous to continue my lease and occupation of the Marine Park Café for the ensuing year, at the same rental and conditions of last year.

Respectfully, Philip Ronca.

Voted: that Philip Ronca, be permitted to continue in occupancy of the Marine Park Refectory for the ensuing year, subject to the usual conditions and control & such alterations of the building and its uses, as the Board may from time to time determine.

A communication was received from John F. O. Sullivan for the Boston Central Labor Union asking "for permission to erect a Speakers stand in Franklin Park to be used on July 4^th for the purpose of holding a demonstration by the working-men of Boston," and the Secretary was directed to reply that such a demonstration is contrary to the rules and regulations governing the Public Parks.

These rules have been adopted after mature deliberation, and forbid "orations" "harangues" or "political canvassing of any kind," as not consistent with the proper use of the parks.

The Board has had similar requests beside yours for public meetings and addresses of various kinds and has in no case seen any reason for suspending the rules. The members of the Board entertain feelings of regret whenever compelled to decline applications of their fellow citizens, but nothing else can be done when any other course

would be a substantial abandonment of what they have adopted as wise and salutary rules.

The Secretary was directed to make a similar reply to the petition of the Evangelical Alliance.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston May 3. 1889.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioner was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present, Mess. Dean and Senno, also present messrs Olmsted and Howe. A telephonic communication was received from Mr. Andrew asking if there was any business to especially require his presence as he had another meeting to attend, and he was informed that there was nothing so pressing as to require his attendance.

The record of the last meeting was read & approved.

Police reports for the week were read.

Mr. J. B. Kendall came before the Board to ask permission for Barnum and Bailey's circus to travel over Boyleston Entrance and connecting road, on the morning of June 17th., from and to the grounds which will be used by the circus adjoining Boyleston Entrance of the Back Bay Fens, and it was agreed informally that the request be granted provided a sufficient force to preserve the peace and prevent trespassing on the planted grounds be employed at the expense of the circus management, and on condition that they also undertake to make good any damage done to the property in charge of this Department to the satisfaction of the Engineer in charge, and give a satisfactory bond or agreement to that effect.

Mr. Howe stated that he could procure

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the iron pipe work for supporting the gymnastic apparatus from P. H. Dinn for $450. and it was

Voted: that the Engineer in charge be authorized to procure the wrought iron pipe work for the Gymnastic ground at not exceeding $450.

The following proposition was received and read.

Auburndale, Mass. May 3, 1889.

"To the Boston Board of
"Public Park Commissioners.

"Gentlemen: Will you be kind "enough to consider my proposal for the right "of way to let Boats in the Park on Charles "Street and on the River at the same place "for which I will pay $25.00 per month for the "first season, and next year if it can be made "a success to pay more rental in proportion.

"The Boats will all be first class and the business "will be carried on in a manner satisfactory to all "parties concerned. I shall be glad at any time after "your receipt of this to have you visit our Boat Houses "at Waltham and Auburndale and see the boats etc. "and the way the business is carried on as I "propose to carry on this business myself individually "alone. you will be kind enough to address me for "further information at Waltham.

"C. Wm. Partelow, Boat Builder
Waltham, Mass."

It was thereupon

Voted. that C. W. Partelow's proposal to establish boat privileges at the Charles River Embankment be accepted, subject to such conditions as to float-stages boats and service as the Commissioners may from time to time determine: said arrangement after two years from this date to be subject to renewal annually, and to terminate when so ordered by the Board.

Voted. that Mr. Olmsted be requested to examine Mr. Partelow's facilities and make such

recommendations as he may think desirable in reference to his proposition.

Voted: that the Secretary cause the buildings on the Church Estate Franklin Park to be sold at public auction on the 15th inst. also the building at the Charles Embankment on the 16th inst. to be removed on or before June 1st.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, May 6. 1889.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present messrs Dean and Fenno. Mr. Andrew arrived too late to take part in the organization of the Board.

The Board reorganized with the choice of Benj. Dean Chairman, John F. Andrew Chairman pro-tem and George F. Clarke Secretary, for the ensuing year.

Voted. that the Chairman be authorized to approve bills and drafts.

Voted, that the Chairman pro-tem be authorized to approve drafts and bills in the absence of the Chairman.

Voted, that Mr. Fenno be authorized to approve bills and drafts in the absence of the Chairman and of the Chairman pro-tem.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, May 10. 1889.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present, Mess. Dean, Andrew and Fenno; also present messrs Olmsted, Jackson & Howe.

The records of the last meeting were read & approved.

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Police reports for the week were read.

The following communication was received from His Honor the Mayor to which the Secretary was directed to reply giving the information asked for:

"City of Boston. Mayor's Office.

"To the Honorable the Board of Park Commissioners,

"You are requested to report to this office, on or before Wednesday, the 8th inst. an exact estimate of the regular expenditures in your Department for each month of the current financial year, the estimate to rest upon the annual appropriation of April 29. and not to take additional or special appropriations into account.

"At the head of each monthly report to this office the Departments will hereafter state the total amount actually expended in the financial year, as well as the total amount remaining on hand for the remainder of the financial year.

"Respectfully,

"May 4. 1889. Thomas N. Hart,

Mayor."

The following order was received having been refered to the Board by the City Council.

"City of Boston, In Common Council.

"May 2d. 1889.

"Ordered, that the Commissioners of Parks be requested to lay out a play-ground on the Back Bay Park between Parker street and Longwood Avenue. Richard Sullivan.

"In Common Council May 2. 1889.

"Refered to the Board of Park Commissioners.

"Sent up for concurrence, Horace G. Allen, President.

"In Board of Aldermen May 6. 1889.

"Concurred, Edwin U. Curtis, City Clerk."

The following was received and read:

"Boston, May 6th 89.

"To the Park Commissioners of Boston:

Dear Sirs: Last March a league of

" Schools of Boston and vicinity was formed to contest
" for a valuable cup offered by Harvard College.
" Many of the games are scheduled to be played
" at Franklin Park but often on Saturday afternoons
" the clubs have with great difficulty obtained grounds
" on account of the great number of clubs that like
" to play on that date. While talking with a
" Park Policeman a few days ago he suggested
" that I come in here to the Park Commissioners and
" apply for a certificate which might give the
" Policeman in charge of grounds power to reserve
" one diamond for us. Our games will be
" finished by June 1st. Hoping this suggestion
" will be acted upon as soon as possible I remain
"
" Yrs. Very respectfully
" H. Riddell, Capt. of one of the clubs.
" The League consists of English High; Boston Latin
" Cambridge High; Roxbury Latin; and three private
" Schools from Boston."

Thereupon it was,

Voted: that signs be placed upon the grounds at present occupied as temporary play grounds at Franklin Park to read as follows: "These grounds are permitted to be used temporarily for play grounds for School boys only." and that the Sergeant of Police be instructed to permit no one to interfere with the use of the grounds by School boys.

The following was received and read.

" Central Labor Union, of Boston & Vicinity
" Office of Special Committee 134 Harrison Ave.
Boston May 6. 1889.

" Geo. F. Clarke
Secretary of Board of Park Commissioners.

" Sir: Your communication of May
" 1. having been laid before our Committee we
" unanimously request a hearing at the earliest

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" possible date. Respectfully,
J. F. O'Sullivan."

Owing to the contemplated absence of the Chairman of the Board from the City for a few days action thereon was postponed until the Board can set a time for the hearing.

A communication was received from David White special officer at Franklin Park asking to be retained and receive pay equivalent to the rental value of the house he has occupied and is to vacate, which was read and refered to Sergeant Dennis.

Mr. Olmsted submitted a specimen of tiles which he recommended for covering the tops of the Valley gate structure and adjoining walls at Franklin Park, and it was

Voted: that Mr. Olmsted be authorized to procure the tiles for the Valley gate structures & walls at not exceeding six hundred and twenty five dollars.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y

Boston, May 17. 1889.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present messrs Fenno & Livermore; Mr. Dean being absent from the city, - also present mess. Olmsted & Howe.

Mr. Isaac Fenno acted as Chairman protem.

Mr. Thomas L. Livermore presented his certificate of appointment and qualification as a Park Commissioner for three years from May 1st 1889.

The record of the last meeting was read & approved.

Police reports for the week were read.

A communication was received from C. C. Kelly Secy. Board K of L. asking for a hearing in the case of Thomas Madden, and action thereon

was defered until the return of the Chairman.

Voted: that Antrim Polk, Thomas Taylor, Patrick Maney, Patrick J. Nee, and John Parker be appointed park Keepers with the powers of park police officers under the conditions stated in the vote of this Board of June 8, 1888.

On the recommendation of the Engineer in charge it was

Voted: that the pay of F. E. Hosmer, Inspector at the Marine Park, be increased from $4. to $5.00 per day on condition that said pay shall be in full compensation for all extra time including night work which may be called for by the Engineer in charge for the proper inspection of the contract for the pier-head.

Commissioner Fenno and the Secretary attended a meeting of the Committee on Finance at 1 P. M. by invitation to the Commissioners. The subject discussed being the proposed loan of $600,000 for park purposes, and the proposed purchase of Tufts Mill Pond, Charlestown for park purposes.

Geo. F. Clarke.
Sec'y.

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Mr. Dean - the Chairman accompanied by the Secretary visited Tufts Mill Pond Charlestown in company with the Committee on Parks, by invitation to the Board.

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Mr. Dean - the Chairman accompanied by Commissioner Fenno, attended the Committee on Parks at 2 o'clock p. m., at office of Clerk of Committees.

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Boston, May 24. 1889.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A. M. Present, messrs. Dean, Fenno & Livermore, also present messrs. Olmsted, Jackson & Storrow.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved. Police reports for the week were received. The following were received and action thereon deferred.

"City of Boston, Mayor's Office.

"To the Honorable the Board of Park Commissioners.

"The Heads of Departments are requested to take due notice of the following orders:—

"1. That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Heads of Departments to allow as part compensation for their services rendered to the City of Boston, all employees, except those whose services are indispensable, a half day's vacation without loss of pay, on Saturday afternoons during the months of June, July, August, and September. 1889. (Approved on April 3. 1889.)

"11. That His Honor the Mayor be requested to ask the Heads of the several City Departments to allow all employees whose services can be dispensed with, as part compensation for the duties performed by them, a holiday without loss of pay, on the seventeenth of June next. (approved on May 14. 1889.)

"The Heads of Departments are requested to carry these orders into effect. Respectfully,

Thomas N. Hart.

May 21. 1889. Mayor.

"City of Boston,

"In Common Council

May 16. 1889.

"Ordered, that the Board of Park Commissioners be requested to allow car fare to all employees of the Park Department, who live more than one mile from their work, such car fare to be in part compensation for the services rendered to the City

" by such employees: the expense to be charged to
" the appropriation for Public Park Department
" In Common Council May 16. 1889.
" Passed. Sent up for concurrence.
" Horace G. Allen. President.
" (Endorsed on the back,) City of Boston, In Board of
" Aldermen May 20. 1889. Referred to Park
" Commissioners, with request to report as soon as
" possible. E. A. Curtis. City Clerk.
" The following was received, read and placed on
" file.
" City of Boston, In Common Council,
" May 16. 1889.
" Ordered: That the Board of Park Commissioners
" be requested to cause a flag staff to be erected on
" the Charles River Embankment the expense thereof
" to be charged to the appropriation for the Park Depart-
" ment.
" Passed. Sent up for concurrence. In Board of
" Aldermen: May 20. Concurred. Approved by the Mayor
" May 22. 1889. A true copy, Attest John T. Priest.
" Asst. City Clerk. "

Mr. W. Phelps and a young woman who was with him on the occasion, appeared before the Board to substantiate the charges of blackmail by Park Police officers which he had previously made by letter to the Board of Police, which letter was produced by Sergeant Dennis for the purpose of this investigation, and a copy of which is on file. Officer Farrington and Special Officers Brady and Leonard were also present. Special officer White failed to appear although notified. Statements similar to those made in the letter were made by the young man and woman who failed to identify either of the special officers present.

Voted, that the Engineer in charge cause the walks of the Embankment including sidewalk to be finished alike with gravel also that he obtain

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estimates for seats similar to those in use at Marine Park but divided by iron bars as suggested by Mr. Olmsted.

Voted, that the items for lighting the Shelter House Franklin Park as read by the Engineer in charge be approved and that he be authorized to have the work done as proposed.

Voted that the Secretary notify the committee of the Central Labor Union and the Evangelical Alliance that the Board will hear them in relation to their several matters on Monday next at 4 o'clock P.M.

Adjourned to Monday May 27 at 4 o'clk. P.M.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, May 27. 1889.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 4 P.M. agreeable to adjournment. Present Messrs Dean, Fenno and Livermore.

A hearing was given to the Evangelical Alliance under its petition for the removal of the restrictions by which the preaching of the gospel on the public parks is forbidden.

Rev. A. H. Plumb in behalf of the committee appointed by the Alliance to urge its petition, presented and read an address.

Mr. James F. Pickering and Rev. A.J. Gordon D. D. also addressed the Board.

A hearing was then given to the Committee of the Central Labor Union upon its request for the privilege of holding a labor demonstration at Franklin Park on July 4th next; the erection of a speakers stand, and the giving of addresses on the eight hour question. Mr. Curt E. Stone

Mr. Frank K. Foster, Mr. J. F. O'Sullivan, and others addressed the Board.
A stenographic report of both hearings was taken. The Board adjourned at 7. P. M.

Geo. H. Clarke
Sec'y.

Boston, May 31. 1889.
A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A. M. Present Messrs Dean, Penno and Sizemore, also present Mess. Olmsted and Storer.
The record of the last meeting was read & approved.
Alderman Eddy and another member of the Committee on Bicycle races July 4th. called to ask permission to have the races take place on the Playstead Road at Franklin Park, in the forenoon, and to close the road to travel during their continuance. Some discussion ensued resulting in Alderman Eddy proposing to have the City Council request the Commissioners to grant the request.
Councilman Pierce came before the Board in favor of one John S. Kelley living on Boylston Street, J. P. who claimed that he had not been fairly treated in connection with the hiring of teams on the park. Mr. Kelley was then given a hearing.
A letter from His Honor the mayor to Mr. Penno in regard to Kelley was also read and placed on file.
A letter was received from J. A. Richardson, Corporation Counsel enclosing a form of Agreement or Bond which he had drawn up for Mess. Barnum & Bailey to give the City under the permission of this Board to use the park road in going to and from the circus ground.

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A petition from F. Leroy Esley and others, that the "Tennis Grounds" on the Beaver street side of Franklin Park be kept in proper condition at the expense of the City was received together with a letter from Mr. Esley which were read and placed on file. The Secretary was directed to reply that the Board cannot provide the facilities asked for by the petitioners for the playing of tennis at present, and that it will probably be sometime in the future before suitable grounds can be provided by the Department for this purpose.

An application was received from S. H. Hilliard, Secretary of the N. E. Dept. Church Temperance Society, asking leave to place a tent in the Marine Park, South Boston, for the holding of Religious Services on Sundays and for Temperance Meetings on week days. The Secretary was directed to make a similar reply to that given to the Evangelical Alliance and the Central Labor Union that such meetings are contrary to the rules and regulations governing the public parks.

Voted, That in conformity with the request of His Honor the Mayor, received at the last meeting, all employees of this Department whose services can be dispensed with be allowed a half days vacation, without loss of pay, on Saturday afternoons during the months of June, July, August and September, 1889, also a holiday without loss of pay on the seventeenth of June next, as part compensation for their services rendered to the City of Boston.

The Secretary was directed to reply to the letter of T. E. Kelley, Secretary of the Ex. Board of D. A 30 K. of L., requesting this Board to grant a hearing in the case of Thomas Madden, that Mr. Madden has been once before this Board, and if he has any reasons why he has not had a fair hearing, there

is no desire on the part of the Board to refuse his request for a personal hearing, and that the Board had written to Mr. Madden to that effect.

Voted, that the Secretary cause the grass at Franklin Park to be sold at public auction.

The following communications being received.

" Boston, Mass. May 23rd. 1889.

" To the Honorable Board of Park Commissioners for the City of Boston.

" Gentlemen:- The "Belvidere Tennis Club of Dorchester respectfully asks of you the privilege of taking gravel from "Franklin Park" for the purpose of repairing tennis courts located near " the house occupied by the Hendrie Bros. About " ten ordinary two horse loads will be needed.

" Very respectfully.

" D. J. Watson. President

" Belvidere Tennis Club.

" Boston, May 31. 1889.

" The Honorable, The Board of

" Park Commissioners:- Gentlemen:-

" I respectfully ask for permission to place " a portable telescope on any of the parks under " your control, for public use.

" Albert Crepeau 23 Palmer St.

It was

Voted, that it is inexpedient to grant their requests.

The following applicants for positions on the Park Police came before the Board on invitation for inspection:

George S. Richardson.	Henry Bond.
George A. Smith.	J. J. Sullivan.
Richard H. O. Riley.	Wm. C. M. Horre.
Michael Fitzgerald.	Benj. O. Low.
Thomas J. Graham.	Charles C. Messer.
Joseph S. Perry.	Robert N. Daley.

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Franklin S. Newton.
Allen Hood.

John Mc. Glinn.
Saml. E. Hunt.

Geo. F. Clarke.
Secy.

June 4. 1889. Mr. Dean accompanied by the Secretary attended a meeting of the Committee on Finance at 1. P. M. on the subject of the Stony Brook Improvement by invitation of the Committee.

Boston, June 7. 1889.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A. M. Present mess. Dean & Livermore. Mr. Fenno being absent from the City. Also present mess. Olmsted & Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

Mr. Augustus Russ came before the Board in the interest of mess. Gilligan, teamsters, who wish to be again employed on the park work.

Mr. W. Phelps and officer Farrington were again before the Board in reference to the charges made by the former in his letter to the Board of Police.

Mr. Gardner, representative of mess. Barnum & Bailey, presented their bond, prepared by the Corporation Counsel, and executed under date of June 3rd. 1889 and it was,

Voted, that a license be granted to Barnum and Bailey in the following terms, and that their bond of indemnity presented this day be accepted.

Mess. Barnum and Bailey are given leave to enter and depart with their employés animals and conveyances from the lot between the Boston and Albany Railroad, West Chester Park, Boylston street and the Back Bay Fens, by Boylston street extension

and the East road in the park, at any and at all times from June 16. to June 22 inclusive they providing a sufficient police force to preserve the peace and prevent trespassing on the planted ground.

Mr. Olmsted outlined the programme of the proceedings of the dedication of the Pavilion and the arrangements agreed upon at his conference of yesterday with the special committee of the School Board, the Superintendent of Police, the City Messenger, the traffic manager of the West End Railroad, the Commander of the School Regiment, the director of music in the Public Schools and Col. Harrington who will be chief marshall for the occasion.

Mr. Olmsted also submitted a circular to parents, which he proposed to have issued by the Committee of the School Board, which was read & approved.

The following was received:

"Office of the Clerk of Committees,
City Hall, June 1. 1889.

"Gentlemen: The Committee on Fourth
"of July entertainment request the use of Franklin
"Park for the Bicycle Races on that day. An
"early reply is requested.
"Yours truly Jas. L Hilliard, Clk. Com.
"Park Commissioners."

and the Secretary stated that an order to the same effect had been passed by the City Council.

It was thereupon

Voted, that a reply in the following form be sent to the Clerk of Committees: We have received yours of June 1st, communicating the request of the City for use of Franklin Park for the bicycle races July 4th, and we are constrained to accede to the wishes of the City Council, although we think it proper to say that we fear that such uses of the park are not wise. Mr. Howe, Engineer-in-charge, will advise

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the committee in the matter if they will communicate with him. In acceding to this request we desire to again suggest our preference that the Back Bay Fens be used.

The following was received and a reply made see L.B. Vol. 3. p. 750.

"City of Boston. Office of City Messenger.

"To the Honorable, June 3. 1889.

"Board of Park Commissioners:

"Gentlemen:- The City Council has "passed an order directing your Honorable Board "to erect a flag staff on the Charles River Embankment "as the City Ordinances give me the care and custody "of the Flag-staffs and Flags, on the Common and "Public Grounds, if your Board desires it, I will "see that the Flag is displayed on all occasions that "require it providing you furnish the flag: this "would not incur any expense to your department.

"Very respectfully, A. H. Peters.

City Messenger."

A communication was received from C. J. Proctor requesting permission to take from a ledge on his homestead, and which was sold to the City - a piece of the rock for a monument to be placed on his family Cemetery lot.

Voted, - that the request be granted subject to Mr. Olmsted's inspection and approval.

Adjourned to Saturday 8th inst. at 12 m.

Geo. F. Clarke, Secy.

Boston Jan. 8. 1879.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 12 M. agreeable to adjournment. Present Messrs. Dean, Fenno & Livermore, also present Messrs Olmsted and Howe.

Voted, that the request of Daniel White to be retained as a special officer at Franklin Park be refused, that said officer Daniel White's name be stricken from the roll of special park policemen and that he be required to return his warrant, badge and equipments to the Department.

Voted, that the Secretary notify Mr. W. Thayer that special officer Daniel White has been removed from office.

Out of eight names approved by the Board as candidates for Park Police the names of Geo. F. Richardson and Wm. A. Whitcomb were drawn by lot to fill two vacancies in the number allowed by the appropriation, and the Secretary was directed to make a requisition on the Civil Service Commissioners for the certification of said names. The name of Samuel E. Hunt was also drawn for appointment later in case of a vacancy occuring.

A communication was made to the City Council in regard to the proposed order to allow car fare to all employés of the Park Department who live more than one mile from their work. See L.B. Vol. 3. p. 751.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston June 10. 1889.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 12 m. Present Messrs. Dean, Fenno & Livermore.

The record of the last meeting was read & approved.

The following order was received:

"City of Boston, In Board of Aldermen
June 6th. 1889.

"Ordered:- That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested to allow the use of the drives on Franklin Park for the bicycle races, July 4th next.

"Passed. Sent down for concurrence. June 6. came up concured. Approved by the Mayor June 8. 1889.

"A true copy. Attest: John F. Fries. Asst. City Clk."

The following being received:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Office of Civil Service Commission.
Boston, June 10. 1889.

"To Geo. F. Clark Esq. Secretary Park Commissioners.

"In compliance with your requisition, dated June 8th 1889. I hereby certify to you, William E. A. Howe and Simeon G. Richardson of Boston, honorably discharged veterans of the war of the rebellion, for appointment as Park Policemen in the Park Department, they having complied with all the requirements of the law. Please make return of his appointment on the inclosed blank.

Yours respectfully
Francis E. Lindsey, Secretary."

It was

Voted, that William E. A. Howe and George S. Richardson be appointed Park Police Officers for the probationary term of six months.

Voted, that the Engineer in charge under the direction of Mr. Olmsted be instructed to report as soon as may be the estimated cost of grading the Wood Island Park according to the plan adopted and the time that will

be required to do the work.

Geo. H. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, June 14. 1889.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present mess. Dean & Livermore - Mr. Finno being absent from the city - also present messrs Amsted and Howe. His Honor the Mayor called upon the Board to confer in regard to the application of the Central Labor Union for permission to erect a stand and hold a demonstration at Franklin Park on July 4th next.

The following was received read and placed on file.

"City of Boston, In Common Council,
June 6. 1889.

" Ordered: That the Board of Park Commissioners
" be requested to furnish seats for the park on the
" West End Embankment, and for Orchard Park.
" Passed. Sent up for concurrence. In Board of Alder-
" men, June 10. concurred. Approved by the Mayor,
" June 12. 1889. A true copy. Attest
" Edwin U. Curtis, City Clk.

Mr. Howe presented the following bids for furnishing and erecting the wrought iron gates for the Valley-gate at Franklin Park:

P. J. Dinn	$ 1,450.
C. A. Wellington & Co.	1,353
Murdock Parlor Grate Co.	691

& it was Voted, that the Engineer in Charge be authorized to contract with the Murdock Parlor Grate Co. for furnishing and setting up iron gates according to their bid with such reduction as may be allowed for the over head tracks which are already in place.

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Voted: That Elizabeth M. Blakley be employed as matron at the Playstead Shelter, Franklin Park at 1.50 per day

Voted: that the Chairman be authorized to notify Messrs Shailer & Schmiglan, Contractors for the extension of the Iron Pier at the Marine Park, to furnish one additional span under such terms and conditions as he may think reasonable.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, June 18, 1889.

Messrs Dean and Livermore met for conference at the office of the Board at noon, Mr. Fenno being absent from the city.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston June 21, 1889.

No meeting was held owing to lack of a quorum.

Boston, June 25. 1889.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 1.30 P.M. Present Mess. Dean, Fenno, and Livermore.

The record of the last meeting was read & approved.

The following communications were received.

"Office of the City Messenger.
City Hall June 21st 1889

"To the Board of Park Commissioners.

"Gentlemen:- Will you kindly allow me permission to place a music stand on the Marine Park at South Boston on the morning of

" July 4th for the purpose of giving a concert
" there, and oblige, Yours respectfully
" A. H. Peters, City Messenger.
" City Hall, June 24. 1889.
" To the Board of Park Commissioners:-
" Gentlemen:- Will you kindly allow me
" permission to place two small tents, on Franklin
" Park, and rope off three enclosures for the Band
" and Judges, and also to rope off the three en-
" trances to the Park on July 4th during the hours
" set apart for the Bicycle races, to prevent ve-
" hicles driving in: Mr. Howe understands about
" all and oblige, Yours respectfully
" A. H. Peters, City Messenger."

And it was

Voted: that the City Messenger be authorized to place a music stand on the Marine Park, July 4th for the purpose of giving a concert under the auspices of the City also to place two music stands on Franklin Park, and rope off three enclosures for the band and judges, and also to rope off the three entrances to the park on July 4th during the hours set apart for the Bicycle races.

The Chairman presented the correspondence of Shailer & Schmiglan with the City Engineer in regard to the additional span for the Iron Pier and stated that he had accepted their proposition of June 17th which had also received the approval of the Mayor. The Chairman's action was approved and the papers were placed on file. The Chairman also stated that Mr. Olmsted had inspected several candidates for the position of Janitor at the Shelter, Franklin Park, and had recommended George Riley for the place. It was thereupon

Voted: that George Riley be employed as Janitor at the Shelter House, Franklin Park from and including June 22d at the rate of $2.00 per day and twenty cents per hour for extra time.

June 25. 1889. The Board sent a reply to the Mayor's recommendation in favor of setting apart a portion of Franklin Park for public meetings made in person on the 14th June. See letter book 3. p. 767.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Secy.

Boston June 28. 1889.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present Messrs. Dean, Fenno & Livermore; also present Messrs J. C. Olmsted & E. W. Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read & approved.

Mr. Cook of Salem with his counsel and Mr. Bailey were before the Board in regard to the verdict for Mr. Cook in the Franklin Park land case. Mr. Cook wanted a new trial being dissatisfied with the amount of the award. The Board concluded to let the verdict stand.

A requisition was made upon the Civil Service Commission for the certification of George H. Smith for the position of caretaker at the Marine Park pier and it was

Voted, that George H. Smith be appointed caretaker at the Marine Park Pier, and that he be paid $2.00 per day and 20 cts. per hour for extra time.

Voted, that George H. Smith be appointed a Park Police officer for special duty in connection with his said position but without pay as such police officer.

Voted, that officer Wm. C. M. Howe be detailed for duty at the Charles River Embankment until further notice.

Voted, that Bridget O'Brien, widow of the late John O'Brien be allowed and paid the amount due her late husband on the pay rolls of this Department

and that the Secretary certify to the City Treasurer the amount due said John O'Brien on said pay rolls.

Geo. F. Clarke.
Sec'y.

Boston, July 5. 1889.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A. M. Present Mess. Dean, Fenno & Livermore, also present messrs Olmsted & Jackson.

The record of the last meeting was read & approved.

The following were received read & placed on file.

"Boston, July 3. 1889.

" Park Commissioners;

" Gentlemen, Please take notice. The
" riding of bicycles is not only danger in the park
" to teams but also to pedestrians and should receive
" your immediate attention, Yours Geo. Curtis"

Enclosure - Slip from Bridgeport paper stating that the park Commissioners of that City had forbidden the riding of bicycles on the walks in the parks

" Civil Service Commission.

" Boston, June 29. 1889

" To George F. Clarke Esq.

" Secy. Park Commissioners,

" In compliance with your requisition, dated
" June 28. 1889. I hereby certify to you George
" H. Smith of 6 Crescent place Boston an hon-
" orably discharged veteran of the war of the
" rebellion, for appointment as care taker at the
" Marine Park Pier he having complied with
" all the requirements of the law. Please make
" return of his appointment on the inclosed blank.
" Yours respectfully, Warren P. Dudley. Secy."

City of Boston.

" In Board of Aldermen, July. 1. 1889.

July 5. 1889.

"Ordered: That a special committee, to consist of three members of this Board with such as the Common Council may join, be appointed to confer with the Boston and Albany Railroad Company and the Board of Park Commissioners in regard to adopting a covering to be placed over the tracks of the said Railroad Company between West Chester Park and Beacon street, similar to the one now in use in Fourth Avenue New York. Passed in Common Council, June 27, and Messrs Moore, Allen, Lovett, J. H. Sullivan and Kinney, were appointed on said committee. Came up for concurrence. Concurred, and Ald. Mc. Laughlin Folsom and Rogers were appointed on said committee. Approved by the Mayor July 2. 1889. A true copy. Attest: Edwin U. Curtis, City Clerk."

City of Boston,
Department of Public Instruction.
July 3, 1889.

"To the Park Commissioners of Boston,

Gentlemen: The special committee of the School Committee appointed to cooperate with your Board on the occasion of the dedication of the Franklin Park Playstead, take pleasure in extending to you their congratulations upon the successful carrying out of your thoughtful and wise provision in the interest of the children of our city. The committee are gratified that they were permitted, in the name of the School Board and of the school children, to take part in the dedication which will ever be remembered by them with pleasure.

I am, Yours, very truly
Thomas J. Emery, Chr. Special Com.

Mr. Jackson presented the following communication.

"Boston, July 1. 1889.

Mr. Wm. Jackson, City Engineer, Dear Sir:

I will rough point top and back of stone for Parapet Wall for the sum of ($2) Two Dollars per lin. ft. Very respectfully, Joseph E. White. P. (signed)"

Voted that the offer of Joseph E. White, contractor for building the pier head at Marine Park, for rough pointing the parapet wall (Item G. Section 31 of specifications) for the sum of $2. per lineal foot be accepted and that the Chairman be authorized to notify the contractor to do the work.

Voted, that George Riley, janitor at the Shelter Franklin Park, be appointed a Park Police Officer for special duty in connection with his work as janitor, but without pay as such police officer.

Geo. A. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, July 17. 1889.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present Mess. Dean, Fenno & Livermore. Also present Messrs Olmsted, Jackson & Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved. The following communication was received, read and placed on file.

" Architect's Department.
" City Hall July 10th 1889.

" Hon. Benj. Dean,
" Chairman, Board of Park Commissioners.
" Dear Sir: I have examined the Athletic
" Bldg. on the Charles River Embankment Park
" and while only a small portion of the work
" has been done on Bldg. since I took office, and
" the whole job is not what I wish it was, yet, I
" should, on the whole recommend its acceptance
" and the full settlement of the contract.
" Respy. Yrs. Harrison A. Atwood.
City Architect."

July 12. 1889.

Messrs Henry M. Whitney and Henry F. Dorr came before the Board in regard to the proposed parkway from the Muddy River Improvement to Beacon Street. Mr. Whitney left with the Board an amended form of restrictions which he was willing to have incorporated in the agreement relating thereto.

A communication was received from Rev. D. W. Waldron requesting permission to have a band of six pieces of music at the Old folk's picnic on Monday July 15th and it was

Voted, that the request of D. W. Waldron be granted.

Mr. Olmsted presented plans and estimates for the soda fountains and fixtures to be placed in the shelter at Franklin Park which were approved, and it was

Voted, that Mr. Olmsted be authorized to make contracts and otherwise procure the soda fountains and fixtures for the shelter at Franklin Park for a sum not exceeding the estimate of $1985.

Voted, that in the opinion of this Board officer Charles S. Farrington is guilty of the charges preferred against police officers of this Department by W. Phelps.

Voted, that Charles S. Farrington be discharged from the Park police force.

Mr. Rowe submitted an approximate estimate for grading Wood Island Park under the plan heretofore approved by the Board, which was discussed and the estimate placed on file.

A communication was received from the Corporation Counsel in regard to the design or purpose of the Board in respect to the strip of land known as the Old Road on Blue Hill Avenue, adjoining Franklin Park, and the Secretary was directed to wait upon the Corporation Counsel and explain the views of the Board in regard to the matter.

Geo. F. Clarke, Sec'y.

Boston, July 19. 1889.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 11.30 A.M. Present Mess. Dean and Rand, all having been notified. Also present messrs Olmsted & Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read & approved.

A petition was received from John H. Sullivan and others that a man for police duty be appointed at the Wood Island Park, Placed on file.

A communication was received from C. F. Killtredge suggesting a temporary carriage approach to the Fairfield Estate from Rue Hill Avenue and the Engineer in charge was directed to mark out a temporary way by stakes.

Mr. Olmsted presented a sketch suggestive of a new plan for laying out the Wood Island Park, and it was

Voted, that the study for a plan for laying out the Wood Island Park presented by Mr. Olmsted be approved in its general form, and that he be requested to prepare a complete plan.

Voted, that the Old Trail Road at Franklin Park be finished and put in order for travel.

Voted, that the Engineer in Charge be authorized to purchase paving blocks necessary for gutters for the old Trail Road.

Voted, that the Engineer in Charge be authorized to procure the castings for six drinking fountains of the pattern used by the Water Department

Voted, that in view of the hearing given to Thomas Madden, the Board sees no reason for changing the record in his case.

Voted, that John A. Breen be appointed janitor at the Charles River Embankment at a salary of $800. per annum.

July 19. 1889. Mr. Howe submitted estimates for building the driveways at the Arnold Arboretum. Placed on file.

Geo. F. Clarke, Sec'y.

Boston, July 26. 1889.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 1.30 P.M. Present Messrs Dean and Livermore. Mr. Fenno being absent from the city, also present Mess. Olmsted, Jackson and Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

The following communication from Mr. Jackson was read and discussed, and authority given as suggested.

"Office of City Engineer,
"Boston, July, 22. 1889.

"Hon. Benj. Dean,
" Chairman Bd. of Park Commissioners.
"

"Dear Sir: In reply to yours
"of July 20th. relating to the contract and speci-
"fications for filling at the Marine Park I wish
"your opinion as to the advisability of consulting
"with the Harbor and Land Commissioners as
"to whether or not they will allow the filling to
"be taken from the Reserved Channel, or if
"they will designate other locations where the
"materials may be obtained and if they will
"allow any offset for claims on account of dis-
"placement of tide water if the filling be taken
"from locations designated by them.

"Yours respectfully William Jackson
"City Engineer.

A communication was received from John Reese

asking for employment, which was read and placed on file.

Mayor's circular No. 32 was received and the Secretary was directed to prepare a reply giving the information desired.

A communication was received from Geo. H. Smith care taker and special officer at Marine Park, asking to be put in uniform; action deferred.

Mrs. Mary E. Palmer came before the Board to request that a fence be placed on the line of her estate abutting upon the Muddy River Improvement. The matter was taken under consideration.

A requisition was made upon the Civil Service Commissioners for the certification of Samuel E. Hunt a veteran of the war of the rebellion for appointment as a park policeman: said certificate being received it was,

Voted, that Samuel E. Hunt be appointed a park police officer.

Mr. Olmsted submitted a set of rules and regulations to govern the use of the gymnastic ground at the Charles River Embankment which were read and taken under advisement.

Voted, that the Chairman make a requisition on the Auditor for a special draft in favor of the City Collector for the sum of $29.48 being taxes assessed for the year 1888 upon an estate formerly belonging to the heirs of Francis C. Morrow, said taxes being assumed by the city in the agreement made with said heirs for the purchase of said estate, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Muddy River Improvement.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Secy.

Boston, August 2. 1889.

At the regular meeting called for to day there were present the Chairman, and Messrs Olmsted, Jackson and Howe, Commissioners Penno and Livermore being absent from the City, no business was done.

The following communication was received:

"City of Boston, Office of the City Messenger,
City Hall, July 31. 1889.

"To the Board of Park Commissioners.

"Gentlemen: I would most respectfully "ask for permission to give a Band Concert on "the Charles River Embankment on Friday evening "August 9th. 1889. Yours respectfully
"A. H. Peters, City Messenger."

Geo. H. Clarke.
Sec'y.

Boston, Aug. 9. 1889.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 1.30 P. M. Present messrs Dean and Livermore, Also present Mess. Olmsted Jackson & Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read & approved.

The Chairman stated that he had given the employes of the Department a holiday under the following request of the Mayor:

"City of Boston, Mayor's Office,

"To the Heads of Departments:-

"The President of the United States being expected "to be in Boston on Wednesday, August 7. as the "guest of the City and the Commonwealth, all "offices of the City are hereby ordered to be closed on "that day. The flags of the City will be displayed "from sunrise until sunset, and all heads of Depart- "ments are requested to give their subordinates, as far "as possible, a holiday without loss of pay, the holiday in

" honor of the President to be considered as compen-
" sation in part for faithful services rendered.

Thomas N. Hart. Mayor.

" August 5. 1889.

A communication was received from Joseph E. White requesting an extension of time on the contract for building the Pier head at the Marine Park, and the Secretary was directed to reply that the Board cannot entertain any such proposition until the time for the completion of the work has expired.

City Messenger Peters came before the Board in support of his request received previously for permission to hold a band concert on the Charles River Embankment, and it was

Voted, that the City Messenger be authorized to hold a band concert on the Charles River Embankment on the evening of August 9th.

Voted, that the advertisement for filling for Marine Park be advertised in the Commercial Bulletin, Engineering News, and Sanitary Engineer in addition to the four daily papers already advertised in.

A communication was received from Miss C. G. Soule requesting permission to collect Caterpillars & Cocoons in the Back Bay Fens, and it was

Voted, that the request be granted and that the Secretary send Miss Soule a permit for this season.

Mr. Olmsted presented a set of rules to govern the use of the ground known as the Charles River Embankment recommending the adoption of the name Charlesbank, and it was

Voted, that the Charles River Embankment be hereafter called and known as Charlesbank.

Voted, that the following rules under the title of Ordinances be adopted for the use and government of Charlesbank

Charlesbank Ordinances.

The Board of Park Commissioners for the City of Boston, by virtue of its authority to make rules

for the use and government of the Public Parks of said City, and for breaches of such rules to affix penalties, hereby ordains that within the limits of Charlesbank, except with the prior consent of the Board, it is forbidden:—

1. To cut, break, injure, deface, defile, or ill use any building, fence, or other construction, or any tree, bush, plant or turf, or any other thing or property of said City.

2. To have possession of any freshly plucked tree, bush or plant, or portion thereof.

3. To throw stones, balls or other missiles; to discharge or carry fire-arms, fire-crackers, torpedoes or fire-works; to make fires; to play musical instruments; to have any intoxicating beverages; to sell, offer or expose for sale, any goods or wares; to post or display signs, placards, flags or advertising devices; to solicit subscriptions or contributions; to play games of chance; or have possession of instruments of gambling; to make orations, harangues, or loud outcries; to enter into political canvassing of any kind; to utter profane, threatening, abusive or indecent language, or to do any obscene or indecent act; to bathe or fish; to solicit the acquaintance of, or follow, or otherwise annoy other visitors.

4. To allow animals of any kind to pass over or stray upon the Park Lands, provided that this shall not apply to dogs when closely led by a cord or chain not more than six feet long.

5. To move in military or civic parades, drills or processions.

6. To walk on any part of the property except the prepared walks.

7. To refuse to obey the orders or requests of either of the Commissioners, or of the Park Police, or other agents of the Commissioners, and to refuse to assist them when required.

Any person wilfully doing either of the things above forbidden, shall be punished by fine not exceeding twenty dollars.

Compliance with the foregoing regulations is a condition of the use of these premises.

Voted. that the following rules, under the title of Regulations be adopted for the use and government of the Charlesbank Gymnasium.

Charlesbank Gymnasium.

Regulations.

1. The Superintendent is responsible for the maintenance of order and decorum, and for the exercise of discretion and civility in all use to be made of the Gymnasium. His authority corresponds with his responsibility. No one is to enter the Gymnasium when forbidden by him; no one to remain in it when desired by him to leave. Report may be made to the Park Commissioners whenever the Superintendent is thought to have used his authority unjustly, but his authority is not to be resisted or impugned by visitors on the Ground.

2. No one is to occupy the Gymnasium except while making use of some of its apparatus for exercise, or while waiting opportunity to do so, or for a reasonable breathing time between exercises.

3. No part of the person usually clothed within doors is to be exposed while in the Gymnasium.

4. No person is to use any piece of the apparatus to the exclusion of another person beyond a reasonable time. In cases of dispute the Supt. will decide what is a reasonable time.

5. No person is to engage in dangerous exercises. If the Superintendent judges any form of exercise by any person to be dangerous. it is to be so considered and refrained from by that person.

6. No part of the apparatus is to be put to other than its proper use, or to be used with excessive violence.

7. In any use of the track the right side of the person is to be kept toward the fence.

8. Shots, hammers, quoits and poles, after any use of them, are to be placed by their users in the boxes and racks provided for them.

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9. Persons not engaged in putting the shot or hammer are to avoid the ground assigned to those who are so engaged.

10. Wheelmen will have the right to use the track during the forenoon of each day; runners during the afternoon. But, with permission of the Superintendent, runners can use it when it is not wanted for wheeling in the forenoon, and wheelmen can use it when it is not wanted by runners in the afternoon.

The regulations above recited for the use of the Charlesbank Gymnasium are hereby made ordinances of the Department of Parks. All offending against them will be subject to a fine not exceeding twenty dollars, and will forfeit their right to the use of the Ground for the season.

Voted, that a notice in the following form

be posted on the Grounds together with the above Ordinances and Regulations.

The Charlesbank Open-air Gymnasium.

This Gymnasium is intended particularly for the benefit of citizens of Boston whose occupations are confining and who are in need of such systematic, healthful exercise as can best be attained during the summer in the open air by the use of the apparatus provided.

Arrangements will be made for the occupation of a part of it at stated times by boys of the Public Schools as may be desired by the Board of Education, but two complete sets of the principal apparatus having been provided and standing apart, this will not interrupt the ordinary use of it by others. It is intended to provide elsewhere for the exercise of women and girls and of boys under ten years of age.

Being largely a new departure in the business of public grounds, and the apparatus being of novel construction, the regulations prescribed may be considered provisional. Until a mature experience

shall have been had of their working, the Commissioners ask a cheerful acceptance and faithful observance of them.

Charlesbank is in a very airy situation, on sandy ground banked out over the Charles River, near Craigie's bridge.

There is a free salt water City bath, near the Gymnasium.

There are stairs to the water adjoining the Gymnasium, where it is intended that licensed row boats shall be provided to be let at fixed moderate rates.

Charlesbank may be reached from various points of the city by the following lines of street Cars:-

From Washington, Tremont and Berkeley streets, via the Belt line, starting from corner Washington and Northampton streets.

From South Boston or Dover Street via the City Point and Harvard square line.

From Park Square via any of the Cambridge lines starting from this point.

From South Boston, or Federal, Kneeland, Lincoln, Beach or Washington streets, via Bay View and East Cambridge line.

From Scollay, Haymarket or Bowdoin squares via any of the lines running to Cambridge.

Voted, that the Department building at Charlesbank be insured for five years for $8000 at 1½ p.c. as specially rated by the Board of Fire Underwriters.

Voted, that the City Treasurer be requested to pay Mrs. Annie E. Curley widow of John Curley, deceased, the amount due him on the pay rolls of this Department and that the Secretary certify to said City Treasurer the amount so due.

Voted, that John Graham be appointed Superintendent of the Charlesbank Gymnasium, for four months from the 15th August 1889, or until further orders of the Board, at a compensation of $100. per month.

Geo. A. Clarke.
Secy.

Boston, August 16. 1889.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 1.30 P. M. Present messrs Dean and Livermore, Mr. Fenno being absent from the city.
Also present mess. Olmsted, Jackson & Storer.
The record of the last meeting was read and approved.
The city Engineer presented the following form of agreement for alteration of the contract for extension of the Iron Pier, which was approved and the chairman was authorized to sign the same for the Board:
We the parties to the agreement made the twentieth day of October 1888, between Shailer & Schniglau and the city of Boston for building an Extension of the Iron Pier at Marine Park, Boston, hereby agree that the order for extra work dated June 20. 1889 and the acceptance on that date of the tender of said Shailer and Schniglau dated June 17. 1889 for doing said extra work shall not delay payments due at the date of said acceptance or which would have become due after said date under the original contract, if the said extra work had not been ordered.
It is also agreed that the word "May" in paragraph 61. page 15. shall read "December" said contract to remain in full force and unchanged in all other respects. Boston August 13. 1889.
A communication was received from W. S. Bolles calling attention to the changing of grade and width of streets at the corner of Walnut & Gigourney streets, and asking that park improvements at this point be carried forward at the same time. The Engineer in charge was directed to examine and report upon the subject at the next meeting.
Voted, that a gang of about twenty five men be transferred from the Back Bay Fens to Franklin Park
Voted, that the Water Board be requested to lay water pipes in Neptune Road from Bennington street to Wood Island Park.

The City Engineer recommended a modification of the contract with Jos. E. White for building the pier head which would allow payment to be made for material delivered which modification was approved and the Chairman was authorized to sign the same for the Board.

Geo. F. Clarke
Sec'y.

Boston August 30. 1889.

At a meeting called for to day at 12 M. to open bids for filling at the Marine Park there were present Commissioner Livermore and City Engineer Jackson.

Bids were opened as follows, assistant Secretary Sherburne of the Executive Department and the bidders being present.

	Cubic yards.	
New England Dredging Co.	200.000	400.000
(if taken near the pier)	68 cts.	59 cts.
Joseph E. White.	61 "	57 "

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, September 6. 1889.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at the Chairman's house at 2. P. M.
Present Messrs Dean and Livermore, Mr. Fenno being absent from the city, also present Messrs Olmsted, Jackson, Howe and Shaw.
The record of the last meeting was read & approved.
The Chairman stated that he had received copies of resolutions passed by the Ward 12 Republican Club and the Citizens Association of South Boston,

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protesting against the plan of sidewalks on 2 street South Boston, as recommended by the Board and asking for a hearing: to which he had replied setting 3 P. M. to day for the hearing, and had received a letter from Mr. Judkins clerk of the Committee of the Citizens Association asking for a hearing at some future time as the notice had been so short that the Ward 14 Republican Committee and most of their own committee were unable to attend. Mr. Olmsted and the Secretary were directed to prepare a reply and submit it for approval. (see communication in print on file.)

The following was received.

Office of the Boston Water Board.
City Hall Boston, August 21st. 1889.

Board of Park Commissioners

Gentlemen: The expence of extending water pipes in Neptune Road to Wood Island Park, according to the estimate of the Engineer, is Three Thousand Two Hundred and forty dollars ($3240). The Water Board are willing to lay the pipes, provided your department will pay an amount equal to five per cent, for five years on the outlay, any future rate to be determined hereafter.

Very Truly Yours
Boston Water Board by W. E. Swan, Clerk.

and the Secretary was directed to reply that the Department accepts the conditions imposed in the matter of laying water pipes in Neptune Road to Wood Island Park.

Mr. Olmsted reported that the Gymnasium had been opened and used to a very satisfactory extent and manner.

An application was received from Jos. E. Hendrie for the privilege of carrying on the refreshment business at the Franklin Park "Shelter" which was referred to Mr. Olmsted with full power.

The matter of Sheep at Franklin Park was discussed

and Mr. Olmsted reported that the buildings on the Galvin Estate, with some alterations would be suitable for the purpose of herding and caring for a large number of sheep. It was thereupon

Voted: that the purchase of from sixty to eighty ewe sheep is hereby authorized at a cost not to exceed $450.

Voted: that the Engineer in charge cause the valleys in the roof of the shelter at Franklin Park to be relaid at an estimated cost of $200.

Voted: that the Engineer in charge be authorized to put in the plumbing and screens for the soda fountains at the Shelter at a cost not to exceed $305.

Voted: that the Engineer in charge in conjunction with the Superintendent of Streets see what can be done to improve the condition of the street and park line adjoining Blue Hill Avenue from the Park Refectory to Canterbury Street.

Voted, that John H. Breen, Janitor at Charlesbank be appointed a park police officer for special duty in connection with his duties as Janitor but without pay as such Police Officer.

Voted, that Officer Samuel E. Hunt be detailed for duty at Charlesbank vice officer Wm. E. H. Above transfered to Franklin Park.

Voted: that officer E. K. Page be granted full pay for absent time on account of sickness in his family.

Voted: that officer Hebard be allowed full pay for one day absence attending funeral of a relative.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, September 13. 1889.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 1 P.M. Present meess Fenno and Livermore. Also present mess. Olmsted, Jackson and Horr.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

Mr. Joseph E. White and Mr. Perkins were before the Board to confer in reference to the former's proposal for filling at Marine Park.

Voted, that the contract for filling 200.000 cubic yards at the Marine Park be awarded to Joseph E. White at sixty one cents a yard provided he furnish the Commissioners satisfactory assurances that he has the requisite plant at command and that he will furnish bond for $61.000 for completion of the work within one year from date of contract with surities satisfactory to the Commissioners.

Voted, that work on the Wood Island Park at East Boston be begun at once and continued without delay until $10.000 is expended.

Voted, that a notice in the following terms be posted on the Billings house, so called, at Franklin Park, and that the Sergeant of Police be instructed to enforce this regulation:

"Notice,

"No person will be allowed in or around this "Building after September 30. 1889.

"By order of the Board of Park Commissioners."

Voted, that a copey of the above vote be left with the people in said House, and sent to the International Trust Company,

Voted. That the road laid out from the present road in the Arnold Arboretum to Walter Street be graded without delay, at an expense not exceeding $15.000.

Geo. H. Clarke, Secy.

Boston September 20. 1889.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 1.30 P.M. Present Mess. Fenno and Livermore, all having been duly notified, also present Mess. F. L. Olmsted, Jackson and Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read & approved.

The following communication and enclosure were received. "Boston Sept. 20. 1889.

" To the Board of Park Commrs.

" Gentlemen,

" I respectfully submit " W. J. Emerson 12 ft. Wharf and J. J. Donnelly " 28 Blackstone St. as bonds for the filling con- " tract at Marine Park. I know that these " men are good for the amount asked for, but " could like until Tuesday of next week to furnish " other names as well. I met with an accident " requiring me to be at home four times a day " to have my hand dressed which has greatly " reduced the time at my disposal otherwise " I should not have to ask for this favor.

" Very respectfully Seth Perkins for Jos. E. White

" P.S. I enclose communication from Bay State Dredging " Co. S.P."

" Bay State Dredging Company. " Office 76 High street. " Boston Sept. 20th 1889. " Mr. Jos. E. White, Boston. Dear Sir. We will do " the dredging for you, for the filling of the " Marine Park, and can safely say, it can easily " be completed within the contract time, with our " plant. Yours truly Bay State Dredging Co. for C. W. Lampee agt."

and the Secretary was directed to reply that the Board could give him the time desired to secure other names for bondsmen, and desired further assurances of his having the requisite plant to do the work.

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Mr. Hone reported that he had applied to the Civil Service Commissioners for a foreman for the Arboretum and that the name of Joseph C. Riley, sub-foreman at Franklin Park had been sent him and whom he desired to appoint. He recommended also that his pay be increased to four dollars per day. It was thereupon

Voted. that the Engineer in Charge be authorized to appoint Joseph C. Riley, Foreman at the Arboretum, and that he be paid four dollars per day for his services in such capacity.

Voted; That the Engineer in Charge be authorized to order, for the Playstead Shelter, a heater for coffee, &c. show cases, and other apparatus not contemplated in the vote of July 12th. together with the necessary plumbing, gas pipes cabinet work and carpentering in connection with the refreshment counter. The whole not to cost more than one thousand dollars, including the plumbing and screens authorized September 6.

A communication was received from the Superintendent of Public Buildings asking permission to erect voting booths on Charlesbank and Franklin Park- action upon which was defered until the next meeting.

Geo. H. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston September 27. 1889.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 1.30 P. M. Present Mess. Fenno and Livermore, all having been duly notified also present Mess. Olmsted, Jackson and Hone.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

The following communication was received.

"Boston Sept. 24. 1889.

To the Board of Park Com'rs. of the City of Boston,

"Gentlemen. I would respectfully submit
"the name of Augustus B. Martin of Lynn
"Mass. a very prominent leather dealer and
"also the proprietor of the Bay State Dredging Co
"as further surety on the bond for filling untried
"at Marine Park. The Bay State Co. controls as
"much dredging plant as any other concern in
"this vicinity, and their ability to do the dredging
"within the time specified cannot be questioned.
" In regard to cars and rails I can make a
"very favorable trade for them when the contract
"is signed. For what filling is to be made from
"the shore I can make excellent terms on material
"and teaming within twenty-four hours. I hardly
"consider it business like, from my standpoint
"to definitely state all the arrangements that I
"have made for the fulfilment of the contract, par-
"ticularly as the city is amply secured by such
"an unusual bond. As I have been notified of
"no meeting of your Board. I send this informa-
"tion by letter but should be happy to appear
"when summoned. Very respectfully,
Joseph E. White pr. Perkins.

and the Secretary submitted such information as he had obtained in reference to the financial standing of the proposed bondsmen.

The Secretary was directed to reply to Mr. White as follows:

" Mr. Joseph E. White.
" Dear Sir: Your favors of
" 20th and 21st are at hand. You will remember
" that the Board made it a condition that you should
" exhibit evidence that you could command the
" necessary dredges and rehandling plant
" Offers or contracts could be sufficient, stating the
" number of dredges &c. and capacity. The Board
" will wait one week for you to furnish the re-
" quired evidence. The sureties named by you would

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be acceptable."

The Secretary was also directed to return Mr. Souther's check presented with the bid of the New England Dredging Co.

Mr. James I. Brooks came before the Board in reference to his ownership and occupancy of the buildings on the Billings place, so called, at Franklin Park, and presented the following agreement.

"Boston Sept. 20. 1889.

"Hon. Benj. Dean,
"Chairman Board of Park Commissioners:

"Dear Sir: Refering to our conversation "on Monday I beg leave to say that I will before April "30. 1890, move the buildings, as suggested, to land "of my wife at the corner of Humboldt Avenue and "Seaver street, with the assent of the City, without "prejudice to or effect upon the rights or claims of "either party to the land, or as against each other.

"Yours very resp'y,
Jas. I. Brooks."

On consideration of which it was,

Voted, that the posting of the notice on the Billing's house as ordered by vote of Sept. 13. be suspended.

The Secretary was directed to reply to the request of the Superintendent of Public Buildings that the Commissioners are willing to have the voting booths erected on the park lands if they can be placed without encroaching upon the improved ground, the locations to be satisfactory to the Engineer in charge. The Secretary was directed to notify Mrs. Palmer that the Commissioners will remove the board fence now standing on Park Street below the Park line, and put it on the new line for at least half the distance her land abuts upon said line, provided that she will build the fence the remaining distance.

Voted. That the Engineer in charge be authorized

to procure 3 or 4 paving blocks for Franklin Park.

Voted, that the plan proposed by the City Engineer to build an open channel instead of a conduit from Williams Street to Canterbury Street be adopted.

Voted, that 50 laborers be transferred from the Back Bay Fens to Franklin Park.

Voted, that the estate of John Sullivan be offered twenty five cents per foot for the 758 7/10 sq. ft. of its land shown as being within the limits of the City, on a plan of a part of the Muddy River Improvement drawn by Alexis H. French C.E. dated September 1. 1882.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston October 14. 1889.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 1.30 P.M. Present Messrs Fenno and Livermore, all having been notified. Also present Mess. Olmsted, Jackson & Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

Mr. J. P. Kendall came before the Board to request that the Board appoint a time for holding a conference with the Committee of the City Council, appointed to consider the matter of covering the Boston & Albany R. R. tracks between West Chester Park and Brookline Avenue and agreeable thereto the Board fixed Monday next at 2 o'clk. P.M. at its office as the time and place for said conference.

Mr. Seth Perkins appeared and submitted the following letters in answer to the Board's request for evidence that Mr. White could command the necessary dredgers and rehandling plant:

" Bay State Dredging Co. Boston Oct. 1. 1889.

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" Mr. Joseph E. White, Boston,

" Dear Sir: Refering to our letter of Sept. " 23, '89, we would state that the capacity of our " dipper dredges in ordinary material, is 1000 cubic " yards in 10 hours each, and we shall work both night " and day if it is necessary to do so, to complete the " job within the contract time. Our clam shell " dredge is sufficiently capable, to do all the redredging " necessary for this job. If necessary we can fit up " another dipper dredge within 30 days, of about the " same capacity, the material for which we have on hand. " Yours truly, Bay State Dredging Co. per C. W. Lampee Supt."

Boston Oct. 3. 1889.

" Mr. White. Dear Sir: We would like to " do some dredging for you on the Marine Park. " We can dredge on an average of 1800 to 2000 " cubic yards per day. Respectfully, Metropolitan " Dredging Co. A. K. Stone, Agent."

Mr. Perkins also said that he had a Follansbee pump for the necessary rehandling with a capacity of 4000 gallons per minute, of which about 25% would be solid matter, i.e., if necessary, he could get the rails and cars for rehandling at Weymouth. It was thereupon

Voted, that the contract for filling at the Marine Park be awarded to Joseph E. White at sixty one cents per cubic yard.

Mr. Olmsted presented a plan dated April 16, 1889. for laying out the Women's and Children's Gymnastic and play ground at Charlesbank which was approved.

The following notice in regard to the Charlesbank Gymnasium was sent to the School Board:

" Chas. T. Gallagher Esq. Chairman School Committee.

" Sir: We would call your attention to the " fact that the open air Gymnasium at Charlesbank is " ready for use. A trained instructor is in charge " and the Gymnasium is well adapted for use by

" pupils of the public schools.

" Respectfully yours, Benj. Dean, Chairman".

Voted, that the Engineer in charge be authorized to construct a culvert in the driveway now being graded at the Arboretum at the point where the roadway crosses the stream near the present driveway, also that he be authorized to purchase a steam drill.

The following order was received.

" City of Boston, In Board of Aldermen,
" September 30, 1889.

" Ordered: That the width of sidewalk on the " easterly side of 2 Street, between East First " Street and East Seventh Street, be established " at 15 feet. Passed, Approved by the Mayor Oct. 1. 1889. " A true Copy. Attest: John T. Priest, Asst. City Clerk."

and the Secretary was directed to obtain the opinion of the Corporation Counsel upon the question as to what effect said order has in the matter of the laying out of 2 Street and the width of said sidewalk.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston Oct. 11. 1889.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 1.30 P.M. Present mess. Perry and Sivermore, all having been notified. Also present Mess. Olmsted and Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

The following communications were received.

" The Harvard Improvement Association.
" of Dorchester. Boston Oct. 8. 1889.
" Park Commissioners of the City of Boston.
" Gentlemen: The Harvard Improvement Associa-
" tion of Dorchester call attention to the unsightly
" condition of the border of Franklin Park along

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"Blue Hill Avenue, - that it is detrimental to a
"large residential section, and they most respectfully
"request that the old fence and walls be removed.
"They further call attention to a large pool of stagnant
"water near the corner of Glen Road & Blue which is both
"unsightly and dangerous to public health.
"Most respectfully for the Association,
C. A. Young. President."

"Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
"Office of Civil Service Commission,
"5 Pemberton Sq. Boston, October 5. 1889.
"To the Board of Park Commissioners,
"Dear Sirs: I inclose herewith a copy
"of a communication received by the Commissioners
"from Hon. Patrick Maguire in regard to the dis-
"charge of Thomas Madden of 34 Spring Street,
"Boston. The certificate of discharge of said
"Madden is dated December 28, 1888; the cause given
"is "By order of the Park Commissioners" and the
"character of service stated as "unsatisfactory."
"The civil service commissioners direct me to inquire
"whether the discharge of said Madden was by
"mistake and whether or not the certificate of
"said discharge, which states that the character of
"his service was "unsatisfactory," is erroneous.
"Very respectfully,
"Warren P. Dudley, Secretary."
"Boston, September, 24, "89.
"Board of Civil Service Commissioners.
"The discharge of Thomas Madden from
"the Park Department last December was made
"through a misunderstanding. In fact, his name
"was written on a paper by a fellow-workman named
"Mc. Nally, and the poor fellow has suffered a great
"deal in consequence. He desires to have his name
"again placed on the civil service list, and I think it
"would be the fair thing to do it.
"Yours respectively, (Signed) Patrick Maguire.

And it was

Voted, that the wooden fence on the Park line on Blue Hill Avenue near Canterbury Street be removed and that loose stones be laid up on the wall, also that the bank of earth at the junction of Walnut and Seymour streets be levelled off.

Consideration of the letter of the Civil Service Commissioners was deferred until the Chairman can be present.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, October 25. 1889.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 1.30. P.M. Present, Mess. Forbes and Sturgis all having been duly notified - also present Mess. Jackson, Storer, and J. C. Olmsted.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

Mr. Hand executor of the Estate of John Sullivan came before the Board in reference to the sale of the small remaining parcel of said Estate in the rear of Downer Street to the City for Park purposes. He wanted a larger price than the Board had offered. The Commissioners decided not to increase their offer of twenty five cents per foot.

Voted, that D. F. Hall may pursue his old right of way over the park lands adjacent to the Arnold Arboretum from his land to Goldsmith street for one year from this date he erecting and keeping bars in the passage through the fence.

A communication was received from the Corporation Counsel in relation to the laying out of 2 Street which was referred to the Chairman for reply.

Geo. F. Clarke, Sec'y.

Boston, November 4. 1889.

Commissioners Fenno and Livermore together with Mr. Olmsted and the Secretary attended a meeting of the United States Harbor Line Board at 11. A.M. at the U.S. Engineer office.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston November 8. 1889.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 1.30 P.M.

Present Mess. Fenno and Livermore, all having been duly notified, also present Mess. Olmsted, Jackson and Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read & approved.

The Secretary stated that the following circular had been received from the Mayor since the last meeting and that the Chairman had directed that the request be followed. The Chairman's action was approved:

"Circular No. 33. City of Boston. Mayor's Office.

"To the Heads of Departments.

"The Boards of Departments are requested to carry "out, as far as may be compatible with the public "service, the following order passed by the Honorable "the City Council, and approved on October 30, 1889:-

"Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested "to instruct the Heads of Departments to allow as part "compensation for their services rendered to the City "of Boston, all employees, except those whose services "are indispensable, a half-day's vacation, without "loss of pay, on November 5th. and December 10th, 1889. "Special opportunities should be given to all persons "in the service of the City to vote on November 5th. and "December 10th.

"October 31. 1889. Respectfully
Thomas N. Hart, Mayor."

Mr. Henry H. Savage representing Mr. Joel E. Baker came before the Board to ask permission to occupy eight feet of the sidewalk at Chestnut Hill at the corner of Beacon Street during building operations upon his land adjoining, and the Secretary was directed to grant a permit as desired - to the proviso that the rest of the sidewalk be supported by a bulkhead.

Mayor's circular No. 34 was received and discussed the Secretary presenting a statement of the expenditures under the several appropriations referred to and the unexpended balances. The Secretary was directed to report the facts to the Mayor, and to express the opinion of the Board that the balances of appropriations would be sufficient to continue the work of the Department to the end of the fiscal year.

A report was received from the Superintendent of the Charlesbank Gymnasium recommending sundry changes in the apparatus etc.

The report was referred to the Engineer in charge with instructions to consult with Dr. D. A. Sargeant in reference to its suggestions.

Voted, that the Engineer in charge close up Glen Road from the Park Entrance to Walnut street and Walnut street from Glen Road to the crossing of the Circuit Drive near Ellicott Street.

Mr. Hone requested permission to tear down two small wooden houses on Franklin Park which are vacant and out of repair, and it was

Voted, that the Engineer in charge be authorized to tear down the two small wooden houses on Beaver street and Canterbury street now vacant.

Voted, that there be purchased of Lawrence J. Morris and James R. Hand, Executors under the will of John Sullivan deceased, for the purposes of a public park, a certain parcel of land situated in the rear of land lately

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purchased of Daniel Madden on Downer St. in the city of Boston; said parcel of land containing 758 7/10 square feet, and being shown on a "plan of a part of proposed Muddy River Improvement," drawn by Alexis H. French, C. E. dated Sept. 1. 1882, on file at the office of this Board; and that there be paid to the said Lawrence J. Morris and James B. Hand, Executors, the sum of one hundred and Eighty-nine and 67/100 dollars upon their giving a deed for the same, satisfactory to the City Solicitor, containing the limitation for said purposes, and that the Chairman sign a request on the Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Muddy River Improvement.

Geo. F. Clarke, Secy.

Boston, December 23. 1889

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present Mess. Fenno & Livermore, all having been duly notified, also present Messrs Olmsted, Jackson and Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

Mr. Olmsted presented a revised plan of the upper part of the Muddy River Improvement which proposed to include about 21 acres of additional land part of which would be required for the acquatic department of the proposed Natural History Gardens to be undertaken by the Boston Society of Natural History.

Mr. Olmsted gave his reasons for the proposed enlargement of the Parkway, and the matter was taken under advisement.

Mr. Olmsted also presented a new study for the Marine Park as a basis for a plan to be submitted

to Congress under the bill offered by Congressman J. H. O'Neil, and Mr. Olmsted was directed to complete the plan and submit it to the Board.

The letter from the Corporation Counsel in regard to the 2 street question dated November 18, was read and placed on file a reply having been already made by the Chairman with the consent of the Commissioners. See letter book, Vol. 3. P. 823.

Voted that the City Treasurer be requested to pay Mrs. Nora Griffin aunt to the children of Daniel Mc. Carthy, deceased, the amount due him on the pay rolls of this Department, for the use and benefit of the said children, and that the Secretary certify to said City Treasurer the amount so due.

Voted, that the City Treasurer be requested to pay Kate E. Farrell, sister of John Farrell, deceased, the amount due him on the pay rolls of this Department, provided that the other heirs give written assent thereto, and that the Secretary certify to said City Treasurer the amount so due.

The following agreements were received & placed on file.

" Boston, Mass, Nov. 27, 1889.

" Mr. Clarke.

" Secy. Board of Park Commissioners.

" Dear Sir:- I hereby agree to pay the
" expense, if any shall be required, of repairing
" road-way on Charlesgate West and Beacon street,
" caused by pumping water temporarily during
" my building operations on my lot of land on the
" Southerly corner of said streets.

" (dictated) Yours truly, Seth R. Paul."

" Boston, Mass, Dec. 5. 1889.

" To The Honorable Board of Park Commissioners.

" Boston, Mass. -Gentlemen:- In consideration
" of the privilege granted to me by you, of pumping
" across Charlesgate West, I agree to maintain the

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" street barriers and keep lanterns upon them at
" night, also to indemnify and save harmless the city
" from all suits or actions, of every name and description,
" brought against said city for or on account of any
" injuries or damages received or sustained by any
" person or persons, by or from me, my servants or agents
" in doing said pumping work, or by or in consequence
" of any negligence in guarding the same, or by or in
" consequence of any act or omission of me or my agents.
Seth R. Baker."

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston December 30. 1889.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 2. P.M. Present mess. Fenno and Livermore, all having been duly notified.
Also present messrs Olmsted and Howe.
The record of the last meeting was read and approved.
Assistant Landscape Gardener Fischer was called before the Board to answer to a complaint made by Rev. E. E. Hale. The complaint and Mr. Fischers statements in regard thereto appear sufficiently in the letter from the Board to Mr. Hale. (see Letter book 3. P. 845)

Mr. Olmsted presented a sketch for the structure to be erected upon the pier head at the Marine Park which he suggested might properly be published in the annual report.

The following were received.

" City of Boston

" In Board of Aldermen, December 7. 1889.

" Ordered:- That the Board of Park Commissioners
" be requested to consider and report to the City Council
" as to the expediency of providing a skating park
" in South Boston, and providing and maintaining
" a place for skating in Franklin Park, West Roxbury

" during the winter months. Passed. Sent down for
" concurrence. December 12. Came up Concurred. Approved
" by Homer Rogers, Acting Mayor. December 14. 1889.
" A true copy. Attest: John T. Priest Asst. City Clerk."

City of Boston

"In Common Council, November 21. 1889.
" Ordered: That the Park Commissioners be and are
" hereby requested to consider and report to the City
" Council upon the expediency of building an observation
" tower in Franklin Park. Passed, Sent up for
" concurrence. In Board of Aldermen, Dec. 23. con-
" curred. Approved by the Mayor December 24. 1889.
" A true copy. Attest: John T. Priest. Asst. City Clerk.

Mr. Howe stated that 42.208 paving blocks had been delivered and accepted at Franklin Park under the vote of the Board to purchase 35.000. He said that the amount overran because the blocks were a better lot than usual and therefore a less number than usual were rejected.

It was thereupon

Voted, that the action of the Engineer in charge in purchasing 42.208 paving blocks for Franklin Park in place of the 35.000 previously authorized be approved.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston January 6. 1890.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present mess. Fenno and Livermore, all having been duly notified, also present Messrs F.L. & J.C. Olmsted, City Engineer Jackson and E.W. Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read & approved.

The Board of Park Commissioners of Brookline appeared to propose and recommend a change of

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the boundary line between Boston and Brookline, where it now follows the course of Muddy River, so that it will follow the course of the ornamental water of the proposed improvement, as shown on a plan prepared under the direction of Mr. Olmsted and A. E. French, Engineer of Brookline, and dated Dec. 3. 1889. a copy of which is on file.

The Brookline Commissioners stated that the town had "voted, that in the opinion of the town, public "interests require that the construction of the River-"dale Park improvement in Brookline shall pro-"ceed without delay." This could not be done independently of Boston without a change of the boundary line and therefore the town had voted that the selectmen and Park Commissioners of Brookline be and they hereby are authorized and requested to apply to the next General Court for an act changing the boundary of Boston and Brookline between the two termini of the Muddy River or Riverdale Park."

After further discussion and consideration of the plan it was,

Voted, that this Board assents to the proposition for changing the boundary line between Boston and Brookline as shown on a plan of the same this day received from the Brookline Park Commissioners and will recommend favorable action to the Mayor and the City Council.

The following communication was received from the Council of the Boston Society of Natural History.

"Boston Society of Natural History.
"Boston, Massachusetts, U. S. A.,
January 1. 1890.

"To the Honorable the Park Commissioners of
"the City of Boston.

"Gentlemen:- You will find with
"this letter a communication from the Council of
"the Boston Society of Natural History containing

To the Honorable the Park Commissioners of the City of Boston: —

GENTLEMEN, — The Society of Natural History has been earnestly and constantly engaged in work upon matters connected with the foundation of natural-history gardens, since the receipt of the last letter of the Commissioners, dated Dec. 30, 1887, and has finally concluded to offer the following as plans of what they deem to be best, hoping, if these are accepted, to follow up this first step very rapidly, so as to bring the matter speedily before the public. They propose to designate all the collections of living animals under their charge as the Natural History Gardens, and to establish under this title three different divisions, — one to be called the Marine Aquarium, a second the Fresh Water Aquarium, and the third the New England Zoölogical Garden; these to be situated on grounds and to have buildings such as may be mutually agreed upon by the Commissoners and by the Society, in accordance with the provisions of the letter of the Commissioners above referred to.

In compliance with your request to present a statement of the proposed policy of the Society in regard to the exhibits at the places designated by you, — namely, at City Point, near Jamaica Pond, and at Franklin Park, — the Council herewith offers for your consideration the following general statement and the outline of its plans with reference to each of the three divisions.

The attention of the Commissioners is invited at the outset to the scientific and educational character of the plan of the Natural History Gardens. The three divisions of this department of the Society's work, when regarded as a whole, form a connected series of exhibitions which will, it is hoped, illustrate more completely than has ever been done before the relations of organisms to the four great regions of their distribution, — the sea, the fresh water, the land, and the air. The principle underlying the whole, and to which each part, however small, has been made to contribute, is the illustration of the relations of plants and animals to their surroundings. The Council believes that a full exposition of the laws governing these correlations is the fittest use they can make of the opportunities offered by the Commissioners, and the most valuable contribution which they and the Commissioners acting together can bring to the cause of public education.

I. Marine Aquarium.

In the maps of the proposed Marine Park the lands and ponds assigned for the use of the Society are admirably suited for the purposes of a large aquarial garden; and the Council desires to express its satisfaction with these indications of the intentions of the Commissioners, for they confirm the Council in the opinion that it will be practicable to found a Marine Aquarium at this place which will be of unique excellence as an instrument of popular interest and education.

1. A collection of living organisms arranged and exhibited for the illustration of natural laws has a fuller effect, if the minds of the students and visitors have been prepared by previous study; or, in place of this, if they have at hand a brief explanation of the general structure and relations of animals and plants to each other and to their surroundings.

The Society proposes to supply this explanation by means of an epitome collection which, with a printed guide, shall explain the structure and relations of the more important subdivisions of animals and plants, the general adaptations of the structure of organisms to an aquatic existence, and the fact that under ordinary conditions, however diverse, the organisms retain their typical structures. This collection would consist of two classes of objects, — (*a*) a series of representative forms, including the principal types of animals and plants; (*b*) such general dissections and other anatomical preparations of selected types, accompanied by diagrams, as may enable the observer to grasp the fundamental points of the structure, physiology, and correlations of the animal kingdom, but with special reference to those living forms which constitute the whole aquarial exhibit. These collections, being an introduction to the larger display, should occupy one room, serving also as the vestibule or entrance-hall in the main building.

2. The correlations between certain structures and parts in animals, and their habits and natural surroundings, can be illustrated by placing plants and animals that live on muddy, sandy, gravelly, or rocky parts of our own shores in separate aquaria properly arranged and furnished. The suitability of organisms to the work they have to do could be illustrated in this and other ways, and clear ideas of one of the fundamental laws of organic modifications presented to intelligent visitors and students.

3. The extraordinary modifications which have taken place in the structure of the descendants of air-breathing land animals, in order to fit them for life in the sea, would be illustrated in the aquaria and also in the salt-water ponds. These would be used for such seals, cetacea,

and other marine animals as are either too large to be accommodated in tanks in the buildings, or which can be most appropriately exhibited in such enclosures. Adaptations equally fitting and instructive are found in birds which live upon the sea or its borders; and examples of these forms would be shown in the same ponds, or in appropriate places upon their margins.

4. It is well known that the distribution of plants and animals is limited more, perhaps, by temperature than by any other single cause. It is practicable to illustrate this great law of distribution with suitably constructed and properly arranged aquaria, stocked and kept supplied with animals and plants taken at moderate depths upon our own coasts. The problems connected with obtaining and handling animals gathered at great depths present difficulties with which no garden should attempt to cope until it is completely organized.

5. Faunal collections would compose the greater bulk of the marine aquaria. It is intended to group these together in such a way as to represent the association of the forms in their respective habitats. No attempt, of course, would here be made toward systematic grouping, but very dissimilar forms would be associated together, bringing prominently into view the geographical distribution of types. In one room of suitable size aquaria would be devoted solely to the marine plants and animals of the North Atlantic, from Cape Cod northward. As a part of this collection a series of aquaria would be maintained for the exhibition of the commoner plants and animals occurring on the coast of Massachusetts. These forms could be permanently supplied, and, being named and described in a proper guide-book, would be of great interest to all persons living on the seashore. The fauna south of Cape Cod is in large part easy of acquisition, and could also be well represented in separate series of aquaria. The fauna south of Cape Hatteras and that of the western coasts of the United States, and other faunas, could also be exhibited, as opportunities presented themselves, either to a limited degree, or more or less extensively if the future progress and success of this division warranted the extension.

II. Fresh Water Aquarium.

It is obvious that an epitome collection is as desirable for the explanation of the relations of fresh-water plants and animals as of the marine.

1. The Society would therefore form an epitome collection similar to that planned for the Marine Aquarium; but this would necessarily

differ in the details of its composition, fresh-water plants and animals being used instead of marine types. The adaptations of the structures of organisms to an aquatic existence would be exhibited by means of preparations of the gills, etc., as in the corresponding marine collection; but special adaptations to a fresh-water existence, such as the mode of reproduction of sponges, bryozoa, and some crustaceans by means of winter buds, the effects of desiccation upon some of these, and their mode of transportation from pond to pond, the contrasted structures of corresponding fresh-water and marine shrimps, the peculiarities of the batrachians, showing the transitions from a purely aquatic to a terrestrial type, and similar classes of facts, would be prominently illustrated. The fresh-water faunas of the globe are all secondary, or derived mainly from the marine faunas. This can also be approximately demonstrated in the epitome collection by placing side by side a certain number of marine and fresh-water animals in series or in pairs, including occasionally some fossils, in order to compare the existing Amia, garpikes, etc., with their marine but now extinct ancestors.

2. Some of the most important results of research bearing upon the evolution of organisms have been attained by means of experimentation, and it is of the greatest importance for educational purposes that illustrations of such facts should be made accessible to teachers and students. We would therefore aim at the repetition of some of these experimental observations, and make permanent exhibitions of the results. For example, a series of aquaria could be maintained, showing the gradual modification of the brine shrimp in passing from a saturated solution of salt through ordinary salt and brackish waters to a final lodgment in purely fresh water, where it becomes transformed into a well-known fresh-water type of crustacean; another series repeating Semper's experiments upon the snail, Lymnæa stagnalis; and still others showing the results of experimentation upon the development of the axolotl, salamanders, etc. This department would also include aquaria for the exhibition of the animals and plants now living in mineral or hot springs, the Caspian and Dead Seas, and other anomalous and more or less isolated positions, such as caves and subterranean rivers.

3. Fresh-water plants and animals are not wholly derived from the sea; many of them are modified descendants of terrestrial organisms that have changed their habitat and become suited to an aquatic existence. Some of the ponds would be used to exhibit this important fact, since in them the larger air-breathing animals that live on or in the fresh waters (such as the swimming and wading birds; the batrachians,

— frogs, salamanders, etc.; the reptiles, — snakes, turtles, and alligators; beavers, muskrats, and possibly larger representatives of the mammalia from the tropics, such as the hippopotamus) could be confined. Some of these ponds would also be devoted to the exhibition of the Liliaceæ and other plants, which, although originally truly terrestrial and flowering plants, have become more or less modified and fitted for aquatic life. The huge leaves and flowers of the Victoria regia, and the lovely color of many of these annuals floating upon the glassy surface of the water and framed in a shore growth of rushes and grasses, would form pictures of rare beauty and attractiveness.

4. Insects, although as a whole purely terrestrial and aerial, contain a number of groups that pass either a portion or the whole of their lives in water. An Insectary would therefore be established, furnished with aquaria, placed in the midst of suitable plants, and surrounded by ample cages of netting for the confinement and display of the adults after they have passed through their transformations and have begun to fly. This part of the exhibit could be made exceedingly instructive by means of a printed guide explaining the transformations of the insects shown in the aquaria and cages.

5. The fauna of our own fresh waters is apt to strike one at first as uninteresting; but it contains sponges, especially interesting to the public on account of their effect on the water supply; many microscopical plants that can be cultivated in masses so as to be seen by the unassisted eye; large bryozoa, such as Pectinatella, growing in heads like a brain-coral; bivalves and snails of respectable size; several interesting species of batrachians, and many fishes of remarkable structure and habits. We would therefore bring together a series of aquaria, exhibiting the animals of the fauna of New England and Eastern Canada, and also keep in view the idea of explaining their more obvious relations to the water supply of our cities. The fauna of the inland waters of the western and southern parts of North America is accessible, and should be shown, in so far as the more prominent forms are concerned, in a separate series of aquaria. Opportunities will perhaps be offered in the future for the acquisition of the larger and more interesting organisms of other faunas; these can be exhibited, provided the future success of this division justifies an extension of the plan.

III. New England Zoölogical Garden.

The grounds at Franklin Park assigned by the Commissioners for the use of the Society are suited only to the third division of our Natural

History Gardens, — the higher vertebrates or the larger terrestrial and aerial animals; and here, better perhaps than anywhere else, would it be possible to carry out one of the favorite projects of the supporters of the Society, namely, such exhibitions as would familiarize the observer with the animals of New England. For in Long Crouch Woods we have not only a characteristic fragment of New England scenery and rock structure, but by the limitations of the surface and of the territory it would be impossible to make there any extensive display of foreign forms.

1. We would exhibit fully the animals of the North Temperate Zone of the New World, limiting this zone to about eight or ten degrees of latitude on the parallels of New England, and thus display those which one might see at any point within the Northern United States. All these animals could be cared for in such a place at the minimum expense, for their habits in a wild state have accustomed them to brave all the severities and vicissitudes of our climate. It being easier to obtain and to maintain the animals of this zone which are nearest home, it would follow that the great bulk of the collection at all times would be made up of animals characteristic of New England. But as we thus necessarily touch upon one of the prime features of life upon the globe, — its geographical distribution, — so we may make the lesson far more telling if we add to this assemblage just those animals (and no others) which in other faunas specially represent our indigenous animals. Thus, to instance one or two points, we would exhibit side by side with the Rocky Mountain goat the chamois, structurally allied, adapted for and dwelling in similar mountain regions, characteristic of the Old as our own is of the New World; beside the cougar, or American panther, we would display the jaguar of South America; beside the black, the brown bear; while to correspond with the opossum, we would seek a relative, not in the more nearly allied marsupials of South America, but in the distinctive home of marsupials, among the strange forms which occur in Australia. As it would not be necessary to seek this counterpart for each animal, but in many cases only one for an entire series, as with the mice, hares, foxes, and so on, it will be seen that the collection would not be very largely increased, while its increase would be strictly limited, and its educational value greatly enhanced. It might be desirable to extend the collection in one or two instances, but in these only, in the case of great groups, not represented in our own fauna, such as the ornithorhynchus of New Holland, and one, possibly two (or even three), of the quadrumana. Under such restrictions,

which seem to be absolutely required by the extent to which our grounds at this point are limited, there would be a coherency and meaning to the collection which it would be difficult to find duplicated elsewhere, and it would be a means of exhibiting the characteristic features of the New England fauna and its relationships not easily accomplished in any other way.

We are constrained to say, however, that the principal difficulty in carrying out even this limited plan is the insufficient surface suitable for such an exhibition. This is nowhere more manifestly true than as regards the ruminants, for within the limits of Long Crouch Woods itself it would be entirely impossible to display in any pleasing or profitable manner those largest forms among our quadrupeds which excite, perhaps, greater interest than any other, — the bison, moose, elk, caribou, deer; for this purpose it is absolutely essential that more ground be had, at least so far as a range is concerned. And this we hope the Commissioners will grant, whenever needed, — perhaps in the ground which has been set apart as a deer-park, in which it would be quite possible, by lines of wire fence practically invisible, to separate such bands as could not be brought into a common enclosure.

2. What has been said thus far relates principally to the terrestrial animals. Another mode of exhibition for the freer-moving, aerial creatures may be advantageously pursued. Thus it might be possible in a series of out-door aviaries, sufficiently large to enclose good-sized trees, to bring together at their proper periods the characteristic summer or winter birds, so that one might see for himself what was the avifauna of New England at any given time. In others might be placed, as a permanent exhibition, such of our native breeding birds as would bear association, where they might find room enough, and suitable places, for all purposes of nesting and bringing up their young. The headlong flight of some birds might prevent their exhibition here. Similar aviaries for the exhibition of birds found in our North Temperate zone west of New England should be placed side by side with those of New England itself; while the exhibition of foreign birds for comparative purposes, limited in the same way as those of the less freely moving vertebrates, would be more naturally disposed in the mode common in foreign gardens.

3. Long Crouch Woods, then, would be *par excellence* a New England exhibit; and such a display would naturally lose much of its interest in the winter time. If, however, we could combine with this a Winter Garden situated in Sargeant's Field, adjoining, cost alone would

prevent it from becoming so attractive as to make it a constant place of resort at all times, and particularly during the colder months of the year. Here, in a large but simple structure of glass and iron, handsome rather in its proportions than through decorative attachments, warmed so as to have a very constant but not too high temperature throughout the winter, one would walk upon the unfrozen ground in a garden where varied and luxuriant vegetable forms would enable him to imagine himself in the midst of the tropics. The loftier vegetation, like the bamboos and certain palms, could be grouped in a higher central portion; while miniature ponds and fountains, reached by winding walks, would everywhere afford special nooks for aquatic or spray-loving plants. We could enliven this still further with a very few of the more brilliant-plumaged birds and songsters in aviaries, aquatic birds on the ponds, and with here and there an enclosure containing some small creature, specially pleasing by its form or attractive by its habits, — a gazelle, a jerboa, perhaps a spider monkey; a chameleon, a Surinam toad, or a garter snake. The possibilities of such a scheme are fascinating; and the structure should be so arranged and situated that extensive additions could be made to it, and that it could be approached directly by conveyance to the door. An ordinary greenhouse would, of course, be necessary as an adjunct of the Winter Garden for forcing plants for ornamental purposes.

4. An Insectary should be built; and both for economic reasons in construction and heating and for the convenient proximity of the necessary food-plants it should be an annex to the greenhouse. Colonies of striking and curious insects, especially the social insects, undergoing their transformations, might be exhibited in a small, single-storied structure of glass and iron, like an ordinary conservatory, with no more flooring than would be required for passageways between the plants and shrubs. Such a collection would be inexpensive and attractive, and, without in any way curtailing its public use, would afford ample opportunity for scientific experimentation of an important kind. Pedigree breeding, for instance, or breeding in constant temperatures, whether high, low, or average, might here be carried on upon a large scale. Indeed, the opportunities are so great that the choice of subjects would be difficult, so many would claim attention; and it would be quite possible to display a changing round of attractive and instructive sights from week to week throughout the year.

The educational use that can be made of these three different divisions of the Natural History Gardens, forming one connected whole, — one

in principle, but varying in details to suit the special needs of each division, and the adaptability of the separate locations, — will undoubtedly meet the requirements of the present, and also give the necessary freedom for enlargement or modification needed by future generations. It will be seen, also, that the New England element enters into each division in varying proportions, as circumstances permit, and to the greatest degree where the objects concerned are more commonly known, being most developed among the higher animals, with which, from their size and their relations to man, the public is more familiar.

The difficulties which surround the whole project, — in many respects so novel as to offer no precedents, wholly new to those on whom the burden of the execution of the plan must fall, — as well as the great expense of the undertaking, have been subjects of long and thorough consideration by the Council. These difficulties account for the delay in replying to the last communication of the Commissioners. Its deliberations have finally brought the Council to the assured conviction that it would be neither feasible nor wise to attempt to begin the three proposed divisions at the same time; and yet it is obvious that the work of the Society in building up the department of Natural History Gardens should not be delayed. Although the sites proposed for the Marine Aquarium and the Fresh Water Aquarium will not be ready for occupation for some time, nevertheless it is the unanimous opinion of the Council that the undertaking should begin with the Marine Aquarium. The proposed site of this division, the less proportionate expenditure for installation and maintenance, and its general interest to the public combine to make it likely that it can be made a financial success, and thus contribute to the foundation and maintenance of the other departments.

In order to meet these difficulties and make a beginning without unnecessary delay, the Council suggests the propriety of starting a temporary Marine Aquarium on grounds already under the control of the Commissioners, and would therefore respectfully inquire of the Park Commissioners whether the establishment of a temporary aquarium at the Marine Park in South Boston would meet with their approval; and if so, what part of the grounds and water-front, now at their disposal, could be allowed the Society for that purpose.

The pumps, piping, and specimens would of course be serviceable for removal to the buildings and grounds of the permanent establishment; and if thought advisable, it might be practicable to construct even the temporary building, so that it could be taken down and rebuilt in another place, or easily removed to a new site.

A temporary garden of respectable proportions would require only a limited sum for buildings and machinery, and would probably prove remunerative; the Society could also begin operations sooner, if a limited sum devoted to such uses could be asked for, and it could thus effectively start the work of exciting public interest in favor of its plans for the establishment of a Fresh Water Aquarium and a New England Zoölogical Garden, and probably advance with surer steps toward the establishment of these two divisions of the Natural History Gardens.

In view of these considerations the Council of the Boston Society of Natural History asks the approval of the Park Commissioners to the following proposition, namely, that it shall be allowed to begin operations as soon as it has raised a third part, more or less, as may be needed, of the proposed sum of two hundred thousand dollars, for the purpose of erecting and equipping a building for a temporary aquarium at Marine Park, on land to be granted by the Commissioners of Parks; said sum to be ultimately incorporated with the two hundred thousand dollars to be raised by the Society for the establishment of the Natural History Gardens; but for the present, and as long as the temporary aquarium exists, to be considered as belonging to an independent foundation.

Little has been said about buildings in this communication, because it has been considered essential first to settle what we as scientific men and the Commissioners in their official capacity, both being equally interested in the cause of public education, would deem it best to do; and secondly, because in all such undertakings the true basis should be sought in the exposition and teaching of principles. As will be seen, however, by all those who have followed the history of this undertaking, our plans have been made with due consideration of the advantages offered by the localities proposed for the three divisions; and their unique character and extent are fully justified by the unequalled opportunities offered by the Commissioners for the founding of these great institutions, devoted to the entertainment and instruction of the people in the system of parks under their jurisdiction.

For the Council,

J. WALTER FEWKES,
Clerk.

Boston Society of Natural History.
Boston, Dec. 31, 1889.

" their proposed plans for Natural History Gardens.
" It will be necessary for the Council to refer
" this document to the Society for its approval before
" the plans suggested can be carried out.
" For the Council, Very truly yours,
J. Walter Fewkes. Clerk."

The communication referred to in the letter of J. Walter Fewkes, Clerk - is attached below and was taken from a printed copy of the 15th annual Report of the Board of Park Commissioners.

To the Honorable the Park Commissioners of the City of Boston: —

GENTLEMEN, — The Society of Natural History has been earnestly and constantly engaged in work upon matters connected with the foundation of natural-history gardens, since the receipt of the last letter of the Commissioners, dated Dec. 30, 1887, and has finally concluded to offer the following as plans of what they deem to be best, hoping, if these are accepted, to follow up this first step very rapidly, so as to bring the matter speedily before the public. They propose to designate all the collections of living animals under their charge as the Natural History Gardens, and to establish under this title three different divisions, — one to be called the Marine Aquarium, a second the Fresh Water Aquarium, and the third the New England Zoölogical Garden; these to be situated on grounds and to have buildings such as may be mutually agreed upon by the Commissoners and by the Society, in accordance with the provisions of the letter of the Commissioners above referred to.

In compliance with your request to present a statement of the proposed policy of the Society in regard to the exhibits at the places designated by you, — namely, at City Point, near Jamaica Pond, and at Franklin Park, — the Council herewith offers for your consideration the following general statement and the outline of its plans with reference to each of the three divisions.

The attention of the Commissioners is invited at the outset to the scientific and educational character of the plan of the Natural History Gardens. The three divisions of this department of the Society's work, when regarded as a whole, form a connected series of exhibitions which will, it is hoped, illustrate more completely than has ever been done before the relations of organisms to the four great regions of their distribution, — the sea, the fresh water, the land, and the air. The principle underlying the whole, and to which each part, however small, has been made to contribute, is the illustration of the relations of plants and animals to their surroundings. The Council believes that a full exposition of the laws governing these correlations is the fittest use they can make of the opportunities offered by the Commissioners, and the most valuable contribution which they and the Commissioners acting together can bring to the cause of public education.

Voted, that the Board accedes to the request of the Boston Society of Natural History that it may erect and equip a temporary building for a Marine Aquarium as soon

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as the Society has raised a third of the $200.000 required to be raised by a previous vote of this Board before the Society can obtain the privileges in the Public Parks for its Natural History Gardens

Voted, that the Engineer in charge proceed with the building of the second culvert on the line of the new driveway now being subgraded at the Arnold Arboretum.

Voted, that Mr. T. A. Rowe have permission to lay a sloop at the wharf on the northerly side of Beacon Street at Charlesgate until spring.

The Secretary submitted copy of the vote of the Board requesting the City Treasurer to pay Kate E. Farrell, the amount due John Farrell, deceased, on the pay rolls of the Department provided that the other heirs give written assent thereto, with the assent of Matthew E. Farrell, Bernard Farrell, Mrs. Ellen Loftus, Mrs. Bridget Gallagher, Mary A. Farrell endorsed thereon; and a request from the City Treasurer, that the Commissioners certify that the above are all the heirs, and the Secretary was directed to certify to the City Treasurer that the Commissioners are satisfied that the above are all the heirs.

A reply was received from Rev. E. E. Hale to the communication of the Board regarding the complaint against the Assistant Landscape Gardener, which was read and placed on file.

The following was received.

"City of Boston, In Common Council Dec. 26. 89.

"Ordered:

"That in the schedule of assessments for betterments laid by the Park Commissioners December 27, 1879, the assessments named in the following list be and hereby are abated, the estates being at the time of assessment the property of the State, and

" there being no authority to assess the Commonwealth.
" The list shows the schedule number, the names of those
" assessed, and the amount of each assessment as com-
" mitted to the Collector.

"	No. 170.	Boston Society of Natural History.	$ 210.00
"	417.	James W. Brown.	253.00
"	416.	Commonwealth of Massachusetts.	812.00
"	268.	do.	655.00
"	265.	do.	456.00
"	220.	do.	86.00
"	218.	do.	341.00
"	205.	do.	285.00
"	204.	do.	180.00
"	186.	do.	371.00
"	155.	do.	691.00
"	109.	do.	1240.00
"	108.	do.	165.00
"	475.	do.	305.00
"	519.	do.	344.00
"	413.	Lewis Weston.	237.00
"	171.	Massachusetts Institute of Technology.	515.00
"	111.	do.	308.00
"	477.	Samuel N. Whitwell.	142.00
"		Total.	7596.00

" Passed. Sent up for concurrence. In Board of Aldermen,
" December 30. Concurred. Approved by the Mayor,
" January 1. 1890. A true copy. Attest:
" John T. Priest,
" Asst. City Clerk."

Geo. F. Clarke, Sec'y.

Boston January 11. 1890.

By invitation of the Committee Messrs Fenno and Livermore with the Secretary attended a meeting of the Committee on Parks at one o'clock P.M.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, January. 13. 1890.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M. Present Mess. Dean, Ferno, and Livermore. Also present Mess. Olmsted, Jackson and Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read & approved.

Mr. Seth Perkins came before the Board to request that the contractor be permitted to suspend work on the Pier head during the winter months without liability to the penalty under the contract, and that a part of the amount reserved under the contract be allowed and paid to him. He stated that the Contractor would leave the work in good condition by protecting the filling with riprap a cargo of which was expected daily.

At the request of Mr. Perkins it was agreed that the Board would relieve Joseph E. White from the penalty under his contrad for the pier head during January, February, and March the rights of both parties as to said penalty prior to January 1st and after April 1st to remain unaffected provided that the sureties upon his bond consent to said agreement which it is understood is to be drawn up by the Corporation Counsel

Voted. that the City Treasurer be requested to pay

Mary T. Sheehan, Executrix of the estate of Daniel Sheehan, deceased, the amount due him on the pay rolls of this Department.

Mr. Howe requested permission to be away for four or five days which was agreed to.

The following were received.

" circular 36. City of Boston. Mayor's Office
" To the Heads of Departments.
" Heads of Departments are requested to publish
" their annual reports in compliance with the laws
" of the Commonwealth and the Revised Ordinances
" of the City, particularly as regards the time of publi-
" cation. As the Department reports are virtuall

" acts of the Administration, I request that whenever
" these reports express opinions, or anything beyond a
" record of actual facts and events, the Mayor be
" advised before the publication of the reports.
" I shall be glad to transmit Department
" reports to the City Council with such comment as
" the Departments may think in the public interest.
" Respectfully, Thomas N. Hart. Mayor.
" January 7. 1890."

" Mayor's office, City Hall. Jany. 11. 1890.
" You are hereby requested to fill out the
" enclosed blank for the benefit of the Eleventh Census,
" or to have the work done by a competent hand.
" Be pleased to return the result to this office,
" to be forwarded, with other matter, to Dr. John
" S. Billings, Special Agent for the Social Statistics
" of Cities, and a gentleman entitled to particular
" respect and support.
" Respectfully, Thomas N. Hart. Mayor.
" City of Boston. City Hall, Auditor's office.
" January 6. 1890.
" Hon. Benj. Dean. Chairman.
" I am required to lay before the City Council,
" during the month of February, in each year.
" (R. O. Chap. 14. Sect. 6), an estimate of the amount
" of money necessary to be raised to defray
" the expenditures of the Financial Year, which
" commences on the ensuing first day of May,
" including the Auditor's draft of the first of
" May; also an estimate of the Ways and Means
" of meeting the same. Please furnish me,
" on or before February 15th with a detailed
" estimate of the amount deemed necessary
" for your Department, (R. O. Chap. 15. Sect. 2.);
" also an estimate of the income to be paid into
" the City Treasury.
" Very respectfully, James N. Dodge
" Park Dept. City Auditor."

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A communication was received from Charles A. Morss in regard to the sale of his land on Muddy River, and Mr. Olmsted was requested to see if the line could be changed back to its former position on Mr. Morss's estate.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, January 14. 1890.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners for consultation in regard to the Marine Park Plans was held at its office at 2 P.M.
Present Mess. Dean, Fenno, and Livermore.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston January 17. 1890.

The Committee on Parks in charge of the Secretary of the Board visited the Muddy River lands Franklin Park and the South Boston shore, and were received by the Chairman at his house.

Geo. F. Clarke
Sec'y

Boston, January 20. 1890.

A meeting of the Commissioners was held at its office at 2. P.M. Present messrs Dean, Fenno, and Livermore, also present Mr. J. C. Olmsted and Mr. Howe. Mr. Chas. G. Lawrence was chosen Secy. pro tem. The record of the last meeting was read & approved. Voted, after the explanation of Mr. Howe that the Chairman approve the bill of Davis F. Farnum

for pipe amounting to the sum of 232.92.

Voted, that Hammer throwing at Charlesbank be discontinued, and that Mr. Storm notify the the Superintendent to this effect.

Mr. Livermore stated that the Superintendent of Lamps objected to lighting so many lamps on Scarborough Street, when so few people resided there, and it was

Voted, that the Engineer in charge be instructed to have closed at sun down Walnut and Scarborough streets from Morton to the circuit drive.

A communication from Mr. F. C. Batch was received in reference to driving through Parkway and was replied to, see letter book No. 3 page 854.

Voted, that the two plans of Marine Park Pierhead Sketch, Wood Island and Muddy River plans and the photographs of the Playstead, Overlook Shelter, Valley gate & Charlesbank be printed and put into the report for 1889.

Chas. G. Lawrence
Sec'y pro tem.

Boston January 27. 1890

A meeting of the Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P. M.

Present Messrs Tenno and Livermore also present Messrs. Howe and J. C. Olmsted.

The record of the last meeting was read & approved.

The annual report was submitted and approved.

A petition from George F. Richardson, G. F. W. Braman trustees, A. W. Folsom and others was read and replied to. see Letter Book Vol. 3. page 856.

Chas. Olmsted
Asst Sec'y

Boston January 28. 1890.

A meeting of the United States Harbor Line Board was held at their office at 1 P.M. to consider the subject of the harbor lines near City Point South Boston which was attended by Mr. Fenno accompanied by Mr. Olmsted.

Boston, Feb. 3. 1890.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 2 P.M.

Present Mess. Dean & Fenno. Mr. Livermore being absent from the City. Also present Messrs F. L. & J. C. Olmsted and Mr. Howe.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

A laborer named John Courtney came before the Board claiming to have been wrongfully charged with drunkenness for which he was discharged. His case was heard, also Mr. Howe's statement of the matter and the Secretary was directed to send for and notify him that the Board cannot interfere in the matter of his discharge.

A petition from Park Policemen asking for an increase of pay equal to that of the Boston Police was received, and it was

Voted, that the estimates for Park Police for the next financial year be reckoned at the same rate as is allowed in the regular City force, and that further consideration of the petition lay over until the Annual appropriations are made.

The matter of using a steam road roller was discussed and it was

Voted, that the Engineer in charge be authorized to advertise for proposals for a Steam Road Roller.

Voted, that the City Treasurer be requested to pay Margaret Maguire, widow of Michael Maguire, deceased, the amount due him on the pay rolls of this Department.

The following were received.

"City of Boston,

"In Board of Aldermen, January 13, 1890.

"Ordered: That His Honor the Mayor be requested to petition the Legislature for the passage of an Act authorizing the City of Boston to borrow, outside of the limit of indebtedness fixed by law for said City, the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, said sum to be used for the purchase of land in Charlestown for a public park and for the construction of the same.

"Passed. Sent down for concurrence. January 18, came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor January 18, 1890. A true copy. Attest: John T. Priest, Asst. City Clerk."

City of Boston, Mayor's Office.

"To the Heads of Departments.

"The following order, passed by the City Council, was approved on January 21st:-

"That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Heads of the various Departments of the City Government to allow all employees whose services can be dispensed with, a holiday, without the loss of pay, on Washington's Birthday".

"The Heads of Department are requested to take due notice of this order and of the fact that Washington's Birthday, being the Twenty-second of February, is a legal holiday in this Commonwealth.

Respectfully,

"January 25, 1890. Thomas N. Hart, Mayor."

In regard to the latter the Engineer in charge was directed to follow the usual rule of the Board, in regard to legal holidays.

The Chairman stated that he had received

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a letter from Congressman O'Neil under date of January 27 which he read and to which he had replied. (See letter book 3. p. 866)

The Secretary stated that the Annual Report was in print and would go to the Aldermen to day and that he had sent a copy to His Honor the Mayor.

Geo F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, February 10. 1890.

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at its office at 2. P. M. Present Mess. Dean and Livermore, all having been duly notified, also present Mess. Olmsted and Storer.

The record of the last meeting was read & approved.

Mr. Olmsted submitted a plan for an Arbor on Schoolmaster Hill, and it was

Voted, that the "plan of Arbor on Schoolmaster Hill with Powers for Partial Parties" submitted by the Landscape Architects, and dated February 10. 1890. be approved.

Voted, that the City Treasurer be requested to pay F. B. Kelley, son of John Kelley, deceased, the amount due him on the pay rolls of this Department.

Voted, that the City Treasurer be requested to pay Catherine Pender, widow of Patrick Pender deceased, the amount due him on the pay rolls of this Department.

Voted, that the Board of Park Commissioners having considered the letter of the Council of the Boston Society of Natural History, dated Dec. 31. 1889. which embodies the Society's plans for the establishment of a Marine Aquarium, a Fresh Water Aquarium and a New England Zoological Garden, and appreciating the governing princi-

ples of these plans, desires to express its disposition to cooperate with the Society in carrying them into effect for the benefit of the public, reserving for future consideration the extent to which the ground in the Parks can be devoted to the same.

Voted, that the City Council be requested to provide an appropriation of $64.000 for Park maintenance which request is based upon estimates for the several parks as follows:

Care of Grounds & Buildings,

Franklin Park.

Care of roads . . .	$ 5.500.	
Janitor, Matron, Fuel & supplies for Overlook Shelter. . .	3.000.	
Care of Playstead. . .	2.000.	
Care of Plantations. . .	2.000.	
Care of Sheep. . . .	1.000.	13.500.
Back Bay Fens.		
Care of Plantations . .	6.000.	
Care of Roads. . . .	5.500.	
General Work. . . .	500.	12.000.
Charlesbank.		
Gymnasium, including Instructor, Janitor, repairs fuel & supplies.	3.500.	
Care of Plantations. . . .	2,500.	
Care of Walks & grounds, lighting &c.	1.500	7.500.
Marine Park.		
Watchman, lamplighter, Gas and supplies. .	3.000.	3.000.
Arnold Arboretum.		
Watchman, Care of roads etc.	2.000.	2.000.
		$ 38.000

Park Police.

Pay of Park Keepers. . .	16.900.	
Four additional men. .	4.000.	
Pay of Sub-Keepers. . .	4.100	
Horse for Sergeant, Equipments & supplies.	1.000.	26.000.
Carried over. .		64.000

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Amount brot. over. . . . . $ 64.000.

Also an Appropr. for Park Department.
Office expenses, of . . . . . 7.500.

Also an Appropr. for Park Nursery.
of . . . . . 6.500.

$ 78.000.

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CITY OF BOSTON.

In the Year Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-five.

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO RESTRICTIONS ON PARK FRONTAGES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

(BEING SECTIONS 20, 21, 22, 23 OF CHAPTER 404, REVISED ORDINANCES, BOSTON, 1925.)

CHAPTER 5 OF THE ORDINANCES OF 1922, AMENDED BY CHAPTERS 2, 8 AND 12 OF THE ORDINANCES OF 1923, AND CHAPTERS 5, 6 AND 8 OF THE ORDINANCES OF 1924.

SECTION 20. No buildings or structure or any part thereof hereafter erected or altered on land which abuts on and has an entrance into and is within a distance of one hundred feet from the following parkways: The Fens (excepting Charlesgate East and Charlesgate West from a point one hundred feet north from their intersection with Commonwealth avenue to Charles river); Riverway, including Audubon road, from Brookline avenue to Beacon street; Commonwealth avenue from Arlington street to a line drawn parallel to and one hundred and thirty feet west of Charlesgate West, and from a line parallel to and one hundred and thirty-five feet south of the southerly line of Washington street to the Newton line; Jamaicaway; Olmsted Park; Arborway; Columbia road on the southerly side from Sumner street to Dorchester avenue, and from Buttonwood street to Marine Park, and on the northerly side from Boston street to Marine Park, South Boston; shall be used for a livery or public stable or public garage, or for any mechanical, mercantile or manufacturing purposes, nor, excepting churches and chapels, shall the extreme height of said buildings or structures exceed seventy feet from the mean grade of the edgestone or sidewalk on the front facing said parkway, exclusive of such

Use of buildings.

steeples, towers, domes, cornices, parapets, balustrades, sculptured ornaments, chimneys and roofs as the Board of Park Commissioners shall approve; and no roof on any of the aforementioned buildings shall be used for laundry or clothes-drying purposes; *Provided, however*, that as to the lot of land at the southwest corner of Commonwealth avenue and Massachusetts avenue the prohibition of the use of building for mercantile purposes shall apply only to so much of any building erected thereon as lies within fifty feet of the southerly line of Commonwealth avenue.

Permit for Erection.

SECT. 21. No building or structure shall hereafter be erected or altered within a distance of one hundred feet from any park or parkway in the city of Boston, without permission in writing having first been obtained from the park commissioners of the city of Boston.

Set-back.

SECT. 22. No building shall be erected or placed upon premises within the following distances from the following parks and parkways: Riverway, from Fenway to Huntington avenue, twenty feet; Jamaicaway, from Huntington avenue, to Perkins street, twenty feet; Jamaicaway, from Perkins street to Prince street, twenty-five feet; Arborway, from Prince street to Franklin Park, twenty-five feet; Olmsted Park along the northwesterly boundary from Chestnut street to Francis Parkman drive, twenty feet; Audubon road on the Riverway, from Brookline avenue to Boston & Albany Railroad, twenty feet; Audubon road on the Riverway, from Boston & Albany Railroad to Beacon street, fifteen feet; Commonwealth avenue, from Arlington street to Beacon street, twenty feet; the Fens, twenty feet (excepting Charlesgate East from Boylston street to the Charles river, and Charlesgate West from Boston & Albany Railroad to the Charles river, and Boylston street, south side, from Hemenway street to Fenway); Charlesgate East from Boylston street to Ipswich street, ten feet; and Boylston street, south side,

from Hemenway street to Fenway, fifteen feet; provided that steps, windows, porticos and other usual projections appurtenant to the front wall of a building shall be allowed where there is a reserved space; that no projections in the nature of a bay window, corner bay, circular front, or octagon front, with the foundation wall sustaining the same (such foundation wall being a projection of the front wall), shall be allowed (excepting oriel windows above the first story on a street corner), unless any horizontal sections of such projections would fall within the external lines of trapezoids, the sum of whose bases upon the rear line of the aforesaid space does not exceed seven tenths of the whole front of the building, and the base of any one of which trapezoids does not exceed eighteen feet, and whose side lines make an angle of forty-five degrees with the base; and each house in a block shall be considered a separate building within the meaning of this section.

Set-back.

SECT. 23. No building shall be erected or placed upon premises within twenty feet from the exterior line of parks and parkways, on the Dorchesterway and Strandway; *Provided,* that steps, windows, porticos and other usual projections appurtenant to the front wall of a building are to be allowed in this reserved space of twenty feet, subject to the following limitations, viz.: First, that no projections of any kind (other than doorsteps and balustrades connected therewith, and also piazzas projecting not more than eight feet) shall extend more than five feet from the rear line of the aforesaid space; second, that no projections in the nature of a bay window, corner bay, circular front, or octagon front, with the foundation wall sustaining the same (such foundation wall being a projection of the front wall), will be allowed (excepting oriel windows above the first story on a street corner), unless any horizontal sections of such projections would fall within the external lines of trapezoids, the sum of whose bases upon the rear line

of the aforesaid space does not exceed seven tenths of the whole front of the building, and the base of any one of which trapezoids does not exceed eighteen feet, and whose side lines make an angle of forty-five degrees with the base; and each house in a block shall be considered a separate building within the meaning of this limitation.

— *Approved by the Mayor December 29, 1925.*

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